

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of the
Town of West Stockbridge



For the Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 2022

Annual Town Meeting Date: May 1, 2023

Annual Town Election Date: May 8, 2023

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*Annual Town Meeting 2023 to be held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at the
Town Hall at 6 PM

*Annual Town Election 2023 to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at Town Hall from
10 AM until 7 PM

**Annual Report
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Town of West Stockbridge,
Berkshire County
Massachusetts
for the year ending June 30, 2022**



General Information

Tax Rate (per \$1,000 valuation)	\$10.31
Total Valuation	\$532,569,609
Residential	\$498,639,456
Personal Property	\$15,171,990
Commercial	\$ 16,057,263
Industrial	\$2,700,900
Total Tax Levy	\$5,490,793
Town first settled	1724
Town Incorporated	1774
Land Area	18.48 sq. mi.
Road Mileage	22.5 (paved) 12.5 (unpaved)
Elevation at Town Hall	925 ft.
Population (<i>U.S. Census, 2020</i>)	1,343
Population Density (<i>U.S. Census, 2010</i>)	70.7 per sq. mi.
Town Website	www.weststockbridge-ma.gov
Annual Town Meeting	First Monday in May
Annual Town Election	Second Monday in May

CURRENT MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Governor Maura Healey

www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-the-governor

Boston, MA	Springfield, MA	Washington, DC
Massachusetts State House	Western Mass Office	Office of Governor
Office of Governor	State Office Building	444 N. Capitol Street
24 Beacon Street, Room 280	436 Dwight Street	Suite 208
Boston, MA 02133	Suite 300	Washington, DC 20001
	Springfield, MA 01103	
Office: 888-870-7770	413-784-1200	202-624-36156

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www.warren.senate.gov

309 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	Springfield Federal Bldg.	2400 JFK Fed Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510	1550 Main Street Suite 406	15 New Sudbury Street
	Springfield, MA 01103	Boston, MA 02203
Office: 202-224-4543	413-788-2690	617-565-3170

U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey

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Washington, DC 20510	1550 Main Street 4 th FL	15 New Sudbury Street
	Springfield, MA 01103	Boston, MA 02203
Office: 202-224-2742	413-785-4610	617-565-8519

U. S. Representative Richard Neal

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372 Cannon House Office Bldg.	300 State Street Suite 200	78 Center Street
Washington, DC 20515	Springfield, MA 01105	Pittsfield, MA 01201
Office: 202-225-5601	413-785-0325	413-442-0946

State Senator Paul Mark

PaulMark@masenate.gov

24 Beacon Street, Room 70	773 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02133	Pittsfield, MA 01105
Office: 617-722-1625	Office: 413-464-5635

State Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli

Rep.smitty@mahouse.gov

24 Beacon Street, Room 166	Lenox Town Hall
Boston, MA 02133	PO Box 2228
Office: 617-722-2692	Lenox MA 01240
	413-637-0631

Town Directory

All Town Office, Board, Committee, and Commission meetings are posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board and are on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Town Board meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Town's website: weststockbridge-ma.gov

The Town Hall's phone number is: 413-232-0300. Town Hall Office extensions are listed below:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Telephone Number, or Extension</u>
Select Board	319
Town Administrator	319
Town Clerk	300
Town Collector	302
Treasurer	316
Building Inspector	313
Board of Assessors	303
Board of Health	314
Council on Aging	340
Library	308
Conservation Commission	300
Fire Dept. (non-emergency/business)	(413) 531-8837
Police Department	232-8500
Highway Department	232-0305
Transfer Station	232-0307
Waste Water Treatment Plant	232-0309
Animal Control Officer	(413) 464-2148

Fax Numbers

Select Board	232-7195
Town Offices	232-7195
Police Department	232-7938
Highway Department	232-0323
Fire Department	232-4127

EMERGENCY (POLICE, FIRE, EMT)

	911
Post Office	232-8544
Charter Communications (Cable TV provider)	1-800-827-8288
Charter (cable service problems)	508-853-1515
Congregational Church	232-4256
St. Patrick's Church	232-4427
Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Administration	298-4017
Monument Mt. High School	528-3346
Monument Valley Middle School	644-2300
Muddy Brook Elementary School	644-2350

Elected Town Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>	
Select Board	Kathleen Keresey	3 yr.	2023
	Andrew Krouss	3 yr.	2024
	Andrew Potter	3 yr.	2025
Moderator	Eugene A. Dellea	1 yr.	2023
Town Clerk	Ronni Barrett	3 yr.	2025
Town Collector	Kelli Bradbury	3 yr.	2025
Board of Assessors	Michelle Jenny	3 yr.	2023
	Susan Lupo	3 yr.	2024
	Edward Sporn	3 yr.	2025
Finance Committee	Steve Sautman	3 yr.	2023
	Robert Salerno	3 yr.	2023
	Frank Lansberger	3 yr.	2024
	Dan Buehler	3 yr.	2024
Planning Board	Edward Sporn	3 yr.	2025
	Gunnar Gudmundson	5 yr.	2023
	Andrew Fudge	5 yr.	2024
	Dana Bixby	5 yr.	2025
	Susan Lupo	5 yr.	2026
Board of Health	Ryan Beattie	5 yr.	2027
	David Finck	3 yr.	2023
	Kathy Korte	3 yr.	2024
	Earl Moffatt	3 yr.	2025
Library Trustees	Andrew Potter	3 yr.	2023
	Beth Sack	3 yr.	2024
	Gail Garrick	3 yr.	2025
Cemetery Commissioner	Mary Korte Kinmond	3 yr.	2023
	Earl Moffatt	3 yr.	2024
	Marion Loring	3 yr.	2025
Tree Warden	Andrew Fudge	3 yr.	2023
Constables	William Cooper	3 yr.	2023
	Michael Skorput	3 yr.	2023
	Paul Faggioni	3 yr.	2023
	Karl G. Cooper	3 yr.	2023
	Elizabeth Digrigoli	3 yr.	2023

Appointed Town Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>	
Town Administrator	Marie Ryan	3 yr.	2025
Town Accountant	Elaine Markham	3 yr.	2023
Town Council	Kopelman & Paige	1 yr.	2023
Town Treasurer	Karen Williams	3 yr.	2023
Conservation Commission	John Masiero	3 yr.	2023
	Kathy Korte	3 yr.	2023
	Lori Rose	3 yr.	2024
	Jennifer Kurjowski	3 yr.	2025
	Kelly Clady-Giramma	3 yr.	2025
	Mary McClland	3 yr.	2025
Conservation Commission			
Associate Member	Tricia Hickey	1 yr.	2023
Deputy Collector	Arthur Jones	1 yr.	2023
Official Weighers	Marc Portieri	1 yr.	2023
	Faith Libardi	1 yr.	2023
Memorial Day Committee	American Legion Post 254	1 yr.	2023
Veteran's Grave Officer	Wayne Cooper	1 yr.	2023
Veteran's Agent	Laura Hils	1 yr.	2023
Parking Clerk	Ronni Barrett	1 yr.	2023
Animal Control Officer	John Drake	1 yr.	2023
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jack Houghton	5 yr.	2023
	James Pinkston IV	5 yr.	2024
	James Clary	5 yr.	2025
	C. Randolph Thunfors	5 yr.	2026
	Joseph Roy, Jr.	5 yr.	2027
	Thom Lipiczky	1 yr.	2023
ZBA Alternates	Elizabeth DiGrigoli	1 yr.	2023
Building Commissioner	Brian Duval	1 yr.	2023
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Brian Duval	1 yr.	2023
Board of Registrars	Marge Powell	3 yr.	2023
	Ronni Barrett	3 yr.	2024
	Jacqueline Moffatt	3 yr.	2025
	Parks and Recreation Comm.	1 yr.	2023
Youth Services	Louis Oggiani	1 yr.	2023
Emergency Mgt. Director	Wayne Cooper	1 yr.	2023
Consultant to Veterans Agent	Steve Traver	1 yr.	2023
Right to Know Officer	Marc Portieri	3 yr.	2025
Chief of Police	Marc Portieri	1 Yr.	2023
Violation Appeals Officer	Steve Traver	3 yr.	2024
Fire Chief	Brian Duval	1 yr.	2023
ADA Coordinator	Select Board	1 yr.	2023
Field Driver	Select Board	1 yr.	2023
Fence Viewer			

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>		
Parks and Recreation	Joe P. Roy	1 yr.	2023	
	J P Boscarino	1 yr.	2023	
	Helen Nolan	1 yr.	2023	
	Caitlin Graham	1 yr.	2023	
	Ashley Daigle	1 yr.	2023	
Animal Inspector	John Drake	1 yr.	2023	
Cable TV Commission	George Cox	1 yr.	2023	
	Alexander Stein	1 yr.	2023	
Cultural Council	Rebecca Sheir	3 yr.	2023	
	Peter Thorne	3 yr.	2023	
	Curtis Thierling	3 yr.	2024	
	Marshall Fisher	3 yr.	2025	
	Jacqueline Moffatt	3 yr.	2025	
	Scott Sawyer	3 yr.	2025	
	Margaret Skaggs	3 yr.	2025	
	Marjorie Powell	3 yr.	2026	
	Oil Burner Inspector	Larry Morse	1 yr.	2023
	Gas Inspector	Robert Gennari	1 yr.	2023
Capital Planning Committee	Finance Committee	1 yr.	2023	
Investment Committee	Finance Committee	1 yr.	2023	
Town Historian	Robert Salerno	1 yr.	2023	
Historical Commission	Robert Salerno	1 yr.	2023	
	Patricia Soldati	1 yr.	2023	
	Earl Moffatt	1 yr.	2023	
	Scott Sawyer	1 yr.	2023	
	Chief Procurement Officer	Marie Ryan	1 yr.	2023
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Gennari	1 yr.	2023	
Asst. Plumbing Inspector	Bob Krupski	1 yr.	2023	
Sewer and Water Commission	Mark Webber	5 yr.	2023	
	Vacancy	5 yr.	2024	
	Earl Moffatt	5 yr.	2025	
	Alexander Stein	5 yr.	2026	
	Simon Davenport	5 yr.	2027	
	Council on Aging	Brian Steranka	5 yr.	2023
	Paula Farrell	5 yr.	2024	
	Clay Hall	5 yr.	2024	
	John Zick, Chair	5 yr.	2025	
	Irene Norton	5 yr.	2026	
	Les Losaw	5 yr.	2026	
	Marge Kilmer	5 yr.	2027	

Appointed Town Officers (cont.)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term / Expires</u>
Berkshire Reg. Planning Comm.	Dana Bixby	1 yr. 2023
Wiring Inspector	Karl G. Cooper	1 yr. 2023
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Theodore Piontek	1 yr. 2023
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Lawrence Ray	1 yr. 2023
Assessor's Clerk	Mary Stodden	1 yr. 2023
Smoke / Fire Alarm Inspector	Steve Traver	1 yr. 2023
Agriculture Commission	Victor Stannard, Sr.	3 yr. 2023
	John Springstube	3 yr. 2023
	Marc Fadding	3 yr. 2024
	Vacancy	3 yr. 2023
	Vacancy	3 yr. 2024
Agriculture Commission		
Alternates	Peter Negrini	1 yr. 2023
	Curt Wilton	1 yr. 2023



Madeline Anne Litz – July 2021

Robert A. Balboni – August 2021

Linda A. Pultorak – August 2021

Polly Curtis Prince – September 2021

Ronald Bill – March 2022

Donald James McGrory, Jr. – April 2022

Jennie May Fadding – May 2022

Anna Lucille Ambrose – June 2022

To the Residents of West Stockbridge,

During the past year, we have fortunately seen a slowdown in the number of those affected by COVID, and our town has regained some sense of the normalcy that we enjoyed prior to 2020. Thanks to the dedicated Town employees, volunteers, boards, and committee members who have been steadfast in navigating the third year of the global pandemic while keeping the Town operating efficiently and safely.

Andy Krouss and Andy Potter have joined the Select Board.

A few highlights of the year:

With funding from the Massachusetts Community Compact Program, Planning Board Chair Dana Bixby and the Master Plan Committee are nearing completion of a new Town Master Plan and Open Space Plan. The last Master Plan was commissioned in the late 1950s.

The Town has completed the purchase of property on Moscow Road formerly owned by National Grid and solved a decades-old access problem to Harris Street through a permanent easement via Merritt Way.

Using available ARPA funds, the Town is addressing necessary improvements and repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Complete Streets Committee has submitted 15 potential projects to the State for funding to improve overall safety and accessibility in our downtown area. The State will be making their determination of which projects will qualify for the up to \$500,000 grant by early summer of 2023. Once approved we will be seeking public input on which projects best fit the Town's needs.

Considerable work was done by Town Administrator Marie Ryan, former Select Board member Roger Kavanaugh, Zoning Enforcement Officer Brian Duvall and Vision Committee Chair Joe Roy to update and bring consistency to the Town's By-laws.

Agreement was reached between the Town and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police to enable Town Police Officers, if they choose, to become members of the Coalition.

The Town has entered into an agreement with the Town of Richmond to share emergency medical services. For the first time ever, we have EMTs on staff at the Richmond Firehouse during the daytime hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. As our volunteer numbers are dwindling, this is a much-needed service. Grant money has been applied for to cover these costs.

The Town of West Stockbridge will be celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2024. Celebration plans are in the works. Please check the Town website for details.

Plans are also being made for the return of the Zucchini Festival. Keep your eye on the Town website for updates.

The Town has continued to fund projects through the Green Communities program, including recent upgrades to the Town Hall HVAC system and lighting in all Town buildings.

For the first time ever, we welcome a Human Resources Director, Sophia Bletsos. Sophia also works for the Towns of Great Barrington, Monterey, Sheffield, and New Marlborough and will be at Town Hall two hours per week. The Human Resources Director's primary responsibilities are the creation and application of policies that help the Town attract, develop, and sustain a high performing workforce.

We are currently in partnership with Richmond under an MVP grant (Municipal Vulnerability and Preparedness) to replace a culvert on Baker Street, estimated at \$250,000.

As always, we encourage full and part time townspeople to volunteer for the Fire Department and all Boards and Committees. There is endless work to be done and volunteer efforts are necessary and appreciated.

As we prepare for the Annual Town Meeting, we thank the Finance Committee who have reviewed and approved the proposed FY2024 budget and warrant articles.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Keresey, Chair
West Stockbridge Select Board

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT

For the period March 2022- March 2023

Marriages: 11

Births: 7

Deaths: 7

There were several elections and Town meetings in the past year, including State primary and State election. Thank you to all the wonderful poll workers who spend their time here, helping make the process easier.

The coming year there will be only the Annual Town Election the second Monday in May. Our voting numbers have been very good so thank you to all who participate in Town government.





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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEST STOCKBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The West Stockbridge Police Department would like to take the opportunity to personally thank all our residents and town officials for the continuous support that you show towards the police department. 2022 will be my 7th year as the Chief of Police and we have had some hurdles in our path but we have continued to march forward, keeping a well-groomed department. The support is very much appreciated, the department receives numerous letters and cards stating how professional and helpful our Officers have been by helping people that are in need.

In 2022 The West Stockbridge Police Department logged 7,267 calls for service, compared to 7,590 calls in 2021. We have been able to maintain our cruiser patrols throughout the town to provide security and safety. We have had an increase in overdoses the past year, as has the overdose rate in Berkshire County. Our arrests have tripled over the last year, which shows that our Officers are doing their job. We have continued to patrol our streets and neighborhoods, making us highly visible to the public. We have added Officer Dan Hamill to our department. Dan has 15 yrs. In policing (Becket, Otis, Sheffield) and will be a great asset for the town. Nate Sermini was also brought on board to assist us with our department needs. Let's welcome them both. We have continued to upgrade the department with equipment to keep us update with POST, and MPTC Regulations in our changing world. Some of these items are Computers, Communications, Training, Cruiser Equipment, and Officer Safety Gear.

The Department continues to do the required POST and MPTC Trainings which has increased due to issues that have arrived in the world today. We are very grateful that some of our officers are Certified Instructors so we can train within the department. The standard MPTC yearly training used to be 40Hrs and now is 80Hrs plus. The training classes consist of Legal Update, MV Law, Defensive Tactics, Dealing with Mental Health Issues, Health and Wellness, Firearms Training, CPR, First Responder, Taser Training, Marijuana Laws, Asher School Training, Dealing with Veterans in need, and Patrol Procedures.

With help from Curt Wilton and Marie Ryan we were able to get a two stationary speed signs that were put to work on Great Barrington Road this year. These speed signs will allow the town to create statistics that will generate studies to ensure safer roadways in the town. Our radar speed trailer been placed throughout the town in areas where there are speeding problems. If you have a speeding issue where you live, please contact us so we can do a radar detail or put on of our tools to work for you. The Officers have given out over 100 more citations this year compared to last year.

This year was our 6th year supporting the "Helping Hands Program". The Helping Hands provides gifts and meals to 7 Families that are in need at Christmas time. It is amazing how many people and business's come together to help. The help and donations are greatly appreciated (Thank You). The Police Department has continued to support the Town Events, The Halloween Parade, The Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. Special thanks to Cait Graham, her crew and everyone who came out to help. Every year these events get bigger and bigger which makes it even better.

Firearms Permits (LTC / FID) will still be processed by appointment only. Contact us at 232-8500 to make an appointment. Please bring a check or money order for \$100, made out to the Town of West Stockbridge. "NO CASH" If you are 70 or older, your license is free. If you have firearms or ammo that you don't want or need, please contact us and we can assist you. If you have any prescription drugs that are in need of disposal, drop them off at the Police Station. The RX Drug Box that was in the hallway has been removed. Please call us or stop in to use the Food Bank. If you are unable to stop in we can bring items from the Food Bank to you.

Remember, please contact us if you see something that doesn't seem right, and we will check it out. Let's keep an eye on the neighbors especially during the winter months. We can provide or assist with many services. If you are going on vacation, please let us know and we can put you on our house watch list as we make patrols of all the houses every shift.

I would personally like to thank everyone who supports the West Stockbridge Police Department. Special thanks to The Select Board, Town Administrator, Highway Department, Fire Department, all of my Officers, Tracy Dunn and everyone who stops in to say 'Hi'.

WEST STOCKBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

FULL TIME

Chief Marc J. Portieri

Sgt. Michael Renton

**Ofc. Lukas Horn (MPTC Firearms Instructor, MPTC First Aid / CPR Instructor, MPTC
Alice / Patrol Instructor)**

Ofc. Curt Wilton III

Ofc. Dan Hamill

PART TIME

Ofc. Matt Sutton

Ofc. Nate Sermini

Respectfully,

Marc J. Portieri
Chief of Police

Town Report

West Stockbridge Fire Department

Last year the Fire Department had 246 calls, 112 fire calls and 112 medical calls. I would like to thank the town residents for your generous donations to our annual letter fund drive! Due to your donations, the Fire Department was able to purchase a 2023 Polaris XR 4-wheeler to be used for rescues and forest fires. This enables us to reach accident victims and put out forest fires more efficiently. The Shared Ambulance Agreement with Richmond is working out well and it's nice to have two EMTs available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. I also would like to thank the West Stockbridge Police Department for assisting us on all our calls. We still need volunteer members so if you are interested, please stop by the station.



**OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR
TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE,
PERMITS**

ANNUAL REPORT

Date :- 7/01/2021 To 6/30/2022 Annual Report of: Building

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS			RESIDENTIAL		COMMERCIAL	CONSTRUCTION VALUE	FEES RECEIVED
		RESIDENTIAL PERMITS	PERMITS FOR DWELLINGS	PERMITS FOR GARAGES	ALL OTHER			
JULY	7	5	0	0	5	2	367632	1667.66
AUGUST	8	7	0	0	7	1	1878500	7630
SEPTEMBER	17	15	0	0	15	2	4247999	17546.65
OCTOBER	13	13	0	0	13	0	1204532	4957.52
NOVEMBER	10	10	0	0	10	0	1114216	1886.71
DECEMBER	6	6	0	0	6	0	114600	375
JANUARY	9	9	0	0	9	0	291411	1083.82
FEBRUARY	7	6	0	0	6	1	84600	453
MARCH	10	9	0	0	9	1	418678	1445.39
APRIL	12	10	0	0	10	2	381607	1305.8
MAY	13	11	0	0	11	2	1964681	7705.96
JUNE	7	7	0	0	1	0	155712	699
TOTALS	119	108	0	0	102	11	12224168	46756.51

Department of Public Works

ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings to all the residents and fellow tax payers of West Stockbridge;

This report is broken down to the many Departments that fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. The following general financial breakdowns and key accomplishments are from the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

The Highway Department strives to maintain and repair the Town's largest assets (your roads and bridges). The crew, led by Highway Superintendent Jamie Boyer, are a bunch of highly trained and well-educated individuals who handle all of the inhouse tasks and responsibilities. I would like to thank Zachary Levesque for his 5-years as an employee with the Highway Department. Zach left to further pursue his education. At this time, I want to thank and welcome Tim Magner to the crew. Tim was born and raised in West Stockbridge and brings along many talents and skills to the DPW.

General Highway Maintenance Expenses:

Catch-Basin Cleaning	\$ 1,386.00
Street Signs	\$ 6,266.58
Gravel Road Winter Traction Aggregates	\$21,372.86
Culverts/Basin Supplies	\$ 4,181.56
Road Salt	\$74,585.05
Liquid De-Icing	\$ 4,215.54
Dump Truck Rental (snow removal)	\$ 2,070.00
Line Painting	\$18,321.00
Gravel Road Summer Aggregates	\$ 6,831.80
Gravel Road Dust Control	\$ 8,403.11
Hot-Mix Asphalt Patching	\$ 4,588.04

Road Maintenance Projects completed along with funding sources

Great Barrington Road crack sealing (funded through State Aid/w.r.a.p.)	\$23,669.42
Guardrail replacement (funded through State Aid/w.r.a.p.)	\$9,960.00
Line Painting/Equipment (funded through State Aid/w.r.a.p.)	\$ 4,934.66

Asphalt patch/shimming (funded through State Aid/w.r.a.p.)	\$ 3,765.27
Asphalt materials for Woodruff/Smith and Maple View roads (funded through State Aid/w.r.a.p.)	\$ 99,414.90
Paving Contractor machinery/tack/labor (funded through Town borrowing)	\$ 50,883.00
Lenox Road (upper section) asphalt resurfacing/leveling (funded through Highway Construction Forced account)	\$30,966.27
Long Pond Road storm water drainage extension (funded through Highway Construction Forced account)	\$ 2,848.44
Moscow Road leveling (funded through Highway Construction Forced account)	\$ 2,262.67
Maple Hill drainage area (funded through Highway Construction Forced account)	\$ 4,681.56

Public Works Employee Wages ending June 30, 2023

Curt Wilton (Public Works Director, salary)	\$80,971.39
Jamie Boyer (Highway Superintendent)	\$29.97/hr.
John Lyford (Highway Division)	\$26.75/hr.
Tim Magner (Highway Division)	\$25.50/hr.
Frank Alfonso (Facilities & Grounds Superintendent)	\$25.75/hr.
Wayne Cooper (Compactor Attendant)	\$17.00/hr.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:

The 3-Town Cemeteries are over seen by the 3-elected Commissioners of Mary Korte Kinmond, Marion Loring and Earl Moffatt. These hardworking individuals along with A&A Memorials Services (Richie Atwood) are committed to continuing with the professional care and expertize required to preserve and maintain to our love ones final resting place. I would like to personally thank them for their service to the Community. I also would like to thank Bob Filiault and his crew from Filiault Lawn Services for the mowing and trimming of the Cemetery grounds. One of the best in the business and it really shows.

General Expenses for the Cemetery:

Mowing and Trimming of all 3-Cemeteries	\$15,200.00
Tree Removals (Rock Dale & Village)	\$14,075.00

Parks and Recreation:

The Parks and Recreation Commission Members include Joy Roy, Caitlin Graham, Helen Nolan, John Boscarino and Ashley Daigle. These 5 motivated individuals work as a team and are instrumental in creating events, programs and Community gatherings throughout the year. Their motivation and skills that they bring to the Parks and Recreation should not go unnoticed. I want to thank them all for their service to the Town. Also, after many years the Parks & Recreation has brought back the Life Guard position down at the beach. I would like to recognize and thank Max Lindner for taking on this role. Well Done.

General Expenses for the Parks & Recreation:

Tennis Court Resurfacing (Special Thanks to Piretti Tennis Court Inc)	\$ 9,850.00
White Wolf Portables	\$ 756.35
Dettinger Lumber	\$1,604.41
Carr Hardware	\$ 639.48
Taylor Rental	\$ 137.50
Home-Depot	\$ 567.48
Tractor Supply	\$ 352.08
Life Guard Salary	\$3,320.00
Housatonic Basin Water Testing	\$ 720.00

Solid Waste Disposal/Compactor Operations:

The Town Compactor is run by our one and only Wayne Cooper. As a Compactor Attendant, Wayne's knowledge of solid waste stream lining has shown to be a cost-effective financial savings for the Town. Bulky waste fees continue to generate on average \$ 5,000.00/year. Filling the compactor containers to their full capacity reduces trucking cost. The roof over the open hopper has also saved the Town thousands of dollars due to the fact we are not saturating our trash with water weight. Thank You Wayne for your dedication.

General Expenses for Solid Waste Operations (July 1, 2022 to March 2023)

Yankee Restrooms	\$ 1,235.00
WM Recycle America	\$ 3,507.98
Casella (Hauling)	\$43,318.02
Interstate Refrigerant (75-units)	\$ 600.00
Tractor Supply	\$ 476.97
Advanced Auto Parts	\$ 423.50
Dresser-Hull	\$ 86.00
Larkin LTD (signage)	\$ 1,130.00
Kwik Print (handouts)	\$ 375.00

Peckham Industries	\$ 769.73
Northeast Paving	\$ 2,648.73

Town Facilities and Grounds:

Town Facilities and Grounds fall under the jurisdiction of the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Frank Alfonso. Frank is in charge of all the maintenance and up keep of these assets.

General Expenses for Facilities and Grounds (7-1-2022 to 3-1-2023):

Lipton Energy	\$22,980.26
Dresser-Hull	\$ 1,150.60
Prime Mechanical LLC	\$ 2,500.00
Girdler Electric	\$ 2,218.00
Madsen Overhead Door	\$ 585.00
Cintas	\$ 1,271.10
Northeast Paving	\$ 839.13
Don Davis Plumbing/Heating	\$ 1,012.58
Lee Audio n Security	\$ 240.00
Reliable Electric Motor	\$ 875.00
Sanitary Septic Service	\$ 360.00
Meadow Farm	\$ 694.98
John's Building and Supplies	\$ 577.41
AmeriGas	\$ 182.21

This concludes the Report of the Department of Public Works. I would like to thank all the employees who make up the DPW. Jamie Boyer, John Lyford, Tim Magner, Frank Alfonso and Wayne Cooper. By working closely together and performing cross over duties, we have become a more efficient and cost saving work force. As public servants we strive to bring the best work ethic and professional expertise your tax dollars can provide. I am very proud of this department. It is a pleasure to be working for you all. We thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Curt G. Wilton

Operating only

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approved 3/9/2023

Operating Budget

FY 24 Budget

	SC Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	<u>Difference</u>	
			<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Gross Operating Budget	<u>31,695,977</u>	<u>33,521,858</u>	<u>1,825,881</u>	<u>5.76%</u>
Less:				
School Choice Tuition Income	(1,300,000)	(1,300,000)		
Regular Tuition Income	<u>(725,000)</u>	<u>(725,000)</u>		
Net Operating Budget	<u>29,670,977</u>	<u>31,496,858</u>	<u>1,825,881</u>	<u>6.15%</u>
Less:				
Chapter 70 Aid	(2,989,518)	(3,045,078)		
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid	(800,000)	(850,000)		
Medicaid Reimbursement	(75,000)	(75,000)		
Transfer from E & D	(617,000)	(617,000)		
Interest Income	(10,000)	(15,000)		
Miscellaneous Income	<u>(32,000)</u>	<u>(32,000)</u>		
	<u>(4,523,518)</u>	<u>(4,634,078)</u>	<u>(110,560)</u>	<u>2.44%</u>
Net Assessments to Member Towns	<u>25,147,459</u>	<u>26,862,780</u>	<u>1,715,321</u>	<u>6.82%</u>

<u>Allocation of Assessments by Town</u>	SC Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	<u>Change</u>	
Great Barrington	18,462,204	19,889,874	1,427,670	7.73%
Stockbridge	3,501,086	3,654,693	153,607	4.39%
West Stockbridge	<u>3,184,170</u>	<u>3,318,213</u>	<u>134,043</u>	<u>4.21%</u>
Total	<u>25,147,459</u>	<u>26,862,780</u>	<u>1,715,321</u>	<u>6.82%</u>

Calculation of 2023-24 Assessments

	Allocation Percent	MLC	Amount Above MLC	Total
Great Barrington	74.4804%	8,090,456	11,799,418	19,889,874
Stockbridge	13.1640%	1,569,211	2,085,482	3,654,693
West Stockbridge	12.3556%	<u>1,360,800</u>	<u>1,957,413</u>	<u>3,318,213</u>
Total	100.0000%	<u>11,020,467</u>	<u>15,842,313</u>	<u>26,862,780</u>

MLC numbers as of 2/24/2023.

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL BUDGET
FY 24 Budget

	<u>SC Adopted</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>Amount</u>	
Gross Capital Budget	1,780,125	1,716,875	(63,250)	-3.55%
ST Borrowing	0	0		
Capital Repairs/Purchases	195,000	0		
Extraordinary Maint. - HS	116,000	0		
Stabilization Fund	0	0		
	2,091,125	1,716,875	(374,250)	-17.9%
Less:				
Applicable Bond Premium				
MSBA Reimbursement	(1,120,934)	(1,120,934)		
E&D - Stabilization Fund & Capital	(311,000)	0		
Net Assessments to Member Towns	659,191	595,941	(63,250)	-9.6%

<u>Allocation of Assessments by Town</u>	<u>SC Adopted</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Preliminary</u> <u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Change</u>	
Great Barrington	484,429	443,859	(40,570)	-8.37%
Stockbridge	90,447	78,450	(11,997)	-13.26%
West Stockbridge	84,315	73,632	(10,683)	-12.67%
Total	659,191	595,941	(63,250)	

Calculation of 2023-24 Assessments

	<u>Allocation</u> <u>Percent</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Assessment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Great Barrington	74.4804%	443,859	443,859
Stockbridge	13.1640%	78,450	78,450
West Stockbridge	12.3556%	73,632	73,632
Total	100.0000%	595,941	595,941

West Stockbridge Public Library
Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report
Submitted January 2023

Circulation of hard copy books, dvds, and audiobooks on cd in FY2022 reached a high of almost 11,000 items crossing our circulation desk, up from a low of 6,844 in FY2020. These figures are provided by our statewide circulation system, which also showed that our users saved a total of \$177,250 by borrowing these items from the library.

Library programs were a mix of virtual events and an increasing number of in-person programs as the year went on. Our biggest program drew 350 people to the gym to hear Mary Pope Osborne talk about her Magic Tree House series. With the help of a grant from the West Stockbridge Cultural Council we were able to purchase a book from the series for each 1st and 2nd grade student in the Berkshire Hills school district, which were distributed by librarian Vicky Cooper during visits to Muddy Brook Elementary School. We're grateful to Richmond Library for joining us in the book giveaway to elementary students there, and also Stockbridge Library for bringing additional free copies to the event.

The Museum Pass program made a comeback, thanks to our ever-supportive Friends of the Library. Borrowers enjoyed free or discounted admission to many Berkshire County cultural attractions.

All of us on the library staff extend our sincere thanks to those who serve on the library board, as well as other town boards and departments that help us provide great service to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Staff fy2022:

Rachel Alter, MEd, MLS, Director

Vicky Cooper, MLS

Tess McGovern, BA

Library Trustees fy2022:

Beth Sack

Andy Potter

Sarah Schaeffer

FY 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL LIBRARY HOLDINGS, (print books, dvds, audiobooks, magazines, museum passes)	10,092	10,391	10,557
CIRCULATION	6,844	8,610	10,753
LOANS RECEIVED FROM OTHER LIBRARIES	1,821	3,580	3,229
LOANS DELIVERED TO OTHER LIBRARIES	966	1,377	1,486
ESTIMATED VALUE OF MATERIALS CIRCULATED (how much library users would spend if they had to buy a copy of the book or other items they borrowed)	156,221	157,560	177,250
TOTAL EBOOK /AUDIOBOOK DOWNLOADS TO PATRON DEVICES	1,385	2,539	2,732

WEST STOCKBRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 2022

The past year was an interesting experience with Covid recovery. People cautiously emerged from two years of hand sanitizers, masking, social distancing, and endless Zoom sessions. Like many other cultural institutions, the Historical Society cautiously moved back to hosting programs and activities.

In February we offered a widely attended online slide show on Bears and Birds with one of our cultural partners, Mass. Audubon. During 2022, we were able to host three concerts by the West Stockbridge Chamber Players, including a sell-out winter concert at the Congregational Church. Our jazz series included three high quality performances, including a magical performance by pianist Yoko Miwa at the Foundry. In September, we partnered with the Shaker Mill Bookstore for a talk by author High Howard on H.H. Richardson and Fredric Law Olmstead, giants in American Landscape and Architecture.

Successful historical activities included a "Back to School" program on West Stockbridge Elementary School days led by Kathy Davis. Our annual history walk visited the Rockdale Cemetery looking at some of our famous residents there. Our board member Bill Loeb produced an interesting biographical sketch on "Spencer the Mormon", a major 19th century resident who was important in the development of the Mormon Church. It's now available on our website.

Work on the Old Town Hall progressed slowly but moved forward. A new roof and gutters were installed, replacing the 107-year-old metal roof. Rotted front soffits were repaired, and some of the old window frames on the second floor were replaced. The Berkshire Bank Volunteer Day team spread gravel in the lower rear courtyard, creating a new reception area for concerts and open houses. The volunteers also cleaned the front windows, something that hasn't been done in too many years to count.

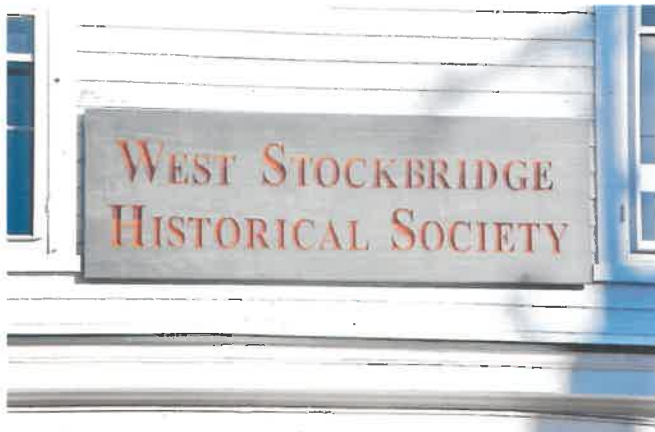
Going into 2023, we have many programs and events on the schedule. Work will begin on the building interior, new bathrooms, safety features and hopefully a new interior paint job.



Installing copper gutters



Back to School in West Stockbridge



New sign created by Peter Thorne



Berkshire Bank Volunteer Day

Photos by Robert Salerno

COUNCIL ON AGING – FY'2022

The Richmond Council on Aging, in cooperation with the West Stockbridge Council on Aging, provides diverse services to the senior population of Richmond and West Stockbridge. Among these is transportation, which provides rides to and from medical appointments, social engagements, shopping expeditions and others. This important aspect of the Council's commitment to the health and well-being of Richmond's seniors is made possible only with the dedication of its volunteer drivers.

The Council owes a debt of gratitude to them and to Peter Beckwith, the Highway Superintendent, who keeps the vehicles in top running condition, maintains the garage where they are kept and whose invaluable assistance helps to assure the successful, smooth running of the Annual COA picnic.

Sadly, the long time Chair of the Council on Aging Committee, Mr. Peter Cohen, passed away this winter. He was a pillar of the committee as well as a volunteer on many town councils and boards and he will be sorely missed.

The bi-monthly newsletter, ***Just Older Youth***, published by the COA Director, Phyllis LeBeau, and made possible with funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, provides an ongoing source of important information on topics of particular interest to seniors, as well as announcements of upcoming special events hosted by the COA. During this unusual time of Pandemic, the newsletter has been dedicated to providing information on staying safe, staying healthy and updates on official notices from the Governor's office.

With the lessening of the intensity of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Combined COAs were able to host the following events:

June, 2022 – Hip Hop Chair Exercise Class – which was well received

July, 2022 – MassBar Elder Law presented an educational talk on Estate Planning.

August, 2022 – The Annual COA Picnic was held as usual .

December, 2022 – The Annual Winter Holiday Luncheon was held at Pleasant and Main restaurant in Housatonic. Each of the other events were also catered by Craig Bero, owner/chef of Pleasant and Main and we are indebted to his extraordinary skills.

Exercise classes have resumed their normal schedule and continue to be well attended

With the closing of the Community Health Association, the blood pressure clinics and winter flu vaccine clinics are now being provided by the Berkshire Alliance.

Special Friends of the Third Grade Program. The COA and the Richmond Consolidated School match seniors with a third grader to encourage interaction between the two age groups. The group meets monthly at the school for a planned activity and lunch, designed to broaden mutual understanding.

The members of the Council on Aging Committee are: Ms. Betsy Bemis, Ms. Patricia Malnati, Ms. Linda Mitchell, Ms. Joanna Stengel

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis LeBeau, Director

FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors, along with our assessing staff provided under contract by Regional Resource Group, continues to assure the fair taxation of all West Stockbridge properties.

During the past year, we continued to reorganize and update assessment records. Our GIS/Public Access System is online and offers access to town maps, property record cards and sales information. Other efforts included inspecting property after building permits are processed, auditing property files for accuracy and completeness and updating map changes.

Our Board strives to build and maintain good public relations. We provide our residents with:

- Abutters lists required for any property additions or alterations;
- Mailings to those eligible for special tax classifications and exemptions;
- Assistance in completing forms for residents who are eligible for exemptions;
- Current property ownership information by processing registered deeds, name and address changes and other related information.
- Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements;
- Information on a host of tax and property assessment issues.

As the town's principal revenue generator, the Assessors continue to review properties subject to taxation. We plan to enhance tax revenues by:

- Identifying second homeowners and businesses whose personal property are subject to taxes;
- Making sure that new construction is monitored and assessed, and that property given a certificate of occupancy is correctly assessed and taxed accordingly;

Other office activities included:

- Processing parcel divisions and other map changes;
- Processing and reviewing all abatement requests;
- Processing personal property forms, chapter land applications, exemption applications;
- Preparing various Department of Revenue Reports.

Our office hours are Tuesdays 1:00-5:00pm and Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm. The Board of Assessors meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 5:00-6:00pm. Residents can contact us by phone at 413 232- 0300, ext. 303 or by email assessor@weststockbridge-ma.gov. Property information can be accessed on the town website: www.weststockbridge-ma.gov.

Town Collector Town Report

First and foremost, a HUGE thank you and congratulations to June Biggs for her many years as a devoted and faithful Collector for the Town. She is missed and misses many of you, but she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and relaxing.

I have big shoes to fill, but so far, the job as the Town Collector is going great. I have enjoyed meeting many new faces as well as greeting familiar friends.

The biggest change is my new hours which are:

Tuesday 1-5pm
Wednesday 7am – 12pm
Thursday 1-6pm

Collection statistics remain around 98-99%. Thank you for being diligent in paying your taxes on time to help maintain a good cash flow for our town expenses. As a reminder, taxes are processed according to when I receive them, not when they are postmarked. Keep that in mind, to avoid interest.

Thank you all for your patience during this time of transition. Many things to learn and remember, but I have a great support team here.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me, e-mail, or stop by my office.

Kelli Bradbury

Town Collector

413-232-0300 x 302

collector@weststockbridge-ma.gov

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

REVENUES

Year ending **June 30, 2022**

General Taxes

Personal Property	\$169,406
Real Estate	\$5,232,415
Tax Title	\$88,955
Tax Foreclosure	
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$261,426
Interest/penalties on Taxes and Excise	\$61,423
Hotel/Motel Tax	\$63,091
Meals Tax	\$15,557
Other Taxes	\$5,040

Sub-total General Taxes	\$5,897,313
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Permits/Charges for Services

Selectmens Fees	\$1,500
Planning Board	\$1,875
Board of Appeals	\$750
Transfer Station Fees	\$5,050
Alcoholic Licenses	\$6,250
Alarm Permits	\$50
Building Permits	\$54,356
Trench Permits	\$0
Burial Permits	\$375
Fire Dept Permits	\$4,295
Firearm Permit-Town Share	\$525
Board of Health Permits	\$2,645

Sub-total Permits/Charges for Services	\$77,671
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Other Departmental Receipts

Assessors	\$30
Police Admin. Fees	\$28,220
Town Clerk	\$1,560
Inspectors Admin fees	\$1,910
Charter Communications Rent	\$48,067
Parking Charges	\$887
Other Misc. Department revenue	\$0

Sub-total Other Dept. Receipts	\$80,674
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Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)

State Owned Land	\$88,441
G/Fund Unrestricted Aid	\$106,862
Abate-Vets,Blind,Surv Spouse	\$8,412

Sub-total State Revenues	\$203,715
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REVENUES

Year ending **June 30, 2022**

Revenue from Other Governments

District Court Fines	\$3,461
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	\$11,684

Sub-total Other Government Revenue	\$15,145
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Earnings on Investments	\$314
Other Miscellaneous	\$8,826
Cannabis-HCA	\$783

Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$9,922
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Total General Fund Revenues	\$6,284,440
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Water Revenue Funds

Water User Charges	\$109,925
Water Connections	\$0
Water Interest/penalties	\$430
Investment Earnings	\$90
Misc. Water Revenue	\$282

Total Water Fund Revenues	\$110,728
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Sewer Revenue Funds

Sewer User Charges	97,711
Sewer Connections	2,490
Sewer Interest/penalties	\$359
Investment Earnings	\$40
Misc. Sewer Revenue	\$0

Total Sewer Fund Revenues	\$100,600
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Total Revenues	\$6,495,767
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TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

Year ending June 30, 2022

General Government

Town Counsel	39,938
Moderator	0
Administrative Assistant	
Salary	77,250
Expense	4,760
Select Board	
Salaries	6,200
Expense	16,099
Finance Committee	135
Town Accountant	
Salary	21,000
Expense	7,577
Audit Services	15,500
Assessors	
Salaries	4,500
Expense	49,365
Treasurer	
Salary	21,000
Expense	7,436
Tax Collector	
Salary	22,964
Expense	12,027
Town Clerk	
Salary	15,000
Expense	1,684
Election & Registrations	4,581
Preservation of Records	0
Street Lists	0
Conservation Commission	1,373
Planning Board	3,132
Board of Appeals	1,000
Town Insurance	86,272
Officers Bonds	1,295
Town Reports	6,355
Town Website maintenance	4,060
Computer/It services	12,277
Town Buildings	
Salaries	50,307
Expense	139,275

Total General Government

632,363

Public Safety

Police	
Salaries	327,133
Expense	47,473
Fire	
Salaries	10,000
Expense	46,019
Richmond Ambulance	3,500
EMT Incentive	0
Fire Responder Incentive	7,630
Communications Services-dispatch	13,087
Building Inspector	
Salary	10,050
Expense	1,510
Emergency Management	500
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	5,000
Expense	0
Tree Warden	10,807

Total Public Safety

482,709

Year ending June 30, 2022

Education

Berkshire Hills Regional School District

Assessment	2,995,913
Capital expense	85,865

Total Education

3,081,778

Public Works

Highway Department

Salaries	284,357
Expenses	6,323

Bridges/Highways	178,735
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Snow/Ice Removal	87,306
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Street Lights	11,419
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Hazardous Waste Disposal	1,482
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Transfer Station

Salary	22,163
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Expenses	68,904
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Cemetery Department	35,000
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Mill Pond Weed Removal	0
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Group Purchasing	800
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Total Public Works

696,488

Human Services

Board of Health

Salaries	15,000
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Expenses	5,058
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Community Health	13,550
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Council on Aging	11,435
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Veterans Benefits	11,377
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Veteran's District Assessment	5,637
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Memorial Day/American Legion	2,000
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Total Public Health

64,057

Culture and Recreation

Library

Salary	39,620
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Expenses	10,861
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Vision Committee	512
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Parks & Recreation

Salary	200
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Expenses	8,792
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Historical Commission	23
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Total Culture & Recreation

60,008

Year ending June 30, 2022

Debt Service	
Town Offices-principal	140,000
Town Offices-interest	2,800
Sewer Expansion Loan-principal	23,362
Sewer Expansion Loan-interest	14,017
Dept Equip Loan-principal	133,104
Dept Equip Loan-interest	4,691
West Center Rd-principal	37,500
West Center Rd-interest	1,838
Other admin/interest	1,300
Total Debt Service	358,612
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Comm of Ma- Assessments	1,643
Retirement Assessment	154,015
Employee Insurance	
Health/dental Insurance	135,330
Med/Fica(Town Portion)	22,222
Unemploment Insurance	0
Trsfr to Conservation Trust	300
Tax Refunds	
Pers Property	711
Real Estate	10,271
Motor Vehicle	5,647
Other	300
Town Meeting Articles	
Trsfr to Stabilization	0
Copier	7,000
Boiler @ Hwy/Fire Dept building	0
Roof @ Wastewater Treat. Plant	0
Cemetery Stone/Monument repair	0
Highway/Fire Building Repairs	2,950
Land for Restrooms,etc	12,594
Security Cameras	0
Roads: Supplement to Ch90	0
Fire Dept Equipment	2,864
Hazard Mitigation Plan	19
Paving Repair @ Transfer Sta.	0
Planting/Screening-Turnpike	11,500
New Telephone system	2,346
Fire Chief vehicle-share w/Richmond	24,660
Study:merging BHRSD & SBRSD	8,000
Total Miscellaneous	402,372
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	5,778,388
Water Department	
Salaries	35,961
Expenses	38,749
TOTAL WATER FUND	74,710

Year ending June 30, 2022

Sewer Department		
Salaries		51,010
Expenses		<u>76,337</u>
Sewer Special Articles:		
UV Light System @ Wastewater Plant		22,999
RBC Update/Repairs		3,551
Gear box repairs		6,000
Rooftop Air Unit Motor		0
Wastewater Plant -Roof repairs/paint		0
<u>TOTAL SEWER FUND</u>		<u>159,897</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year Ending June 30, 2022

State Grants	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Hazard Mitigation Grant	0	13,659	(11,962)		1,697
Covid-19 Grant	(\$23,276)	\$34,151	(\$738)	(\$10,137)	\$0
Shared Streets Grant	\$7,729		\$0		\$7,729
Highway-Ch90	0	172,825	(172,825)		0
Emergency Mgmt	0	5,400	(2,700)	(2,700)	0
Fema Disaster Grant	0				0
Elections	0				0
Library	9,563	3,418	(710)		12,271
Arts Lottery	5,941	5,003	(4,475)		6,469
Elder Affairs Grant	3,606	12,000	(608)		14,999
Public Access	6,354		0		6,354
EOAF Grant-Zoning Consultant	10,000		(2,114)		7,886
EOAF Grant-Master Plan Consultant	24,968		(26,854)		(1,886)
Green Community Grant	0	95,667	(44,328)		51,339
ARPA Grant	0	188,621			188,621
Totals	44,885	530,745	(267,314)	(12,837)	295,479

Police & Fire Grants	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Fire Safety Grant	(7,853)	7,853			0
Firearm Permits-State share	613	1,575	(1,663)		525
Homeland Security Grant	0	2,500	(2,500)		0
Police Equip Grant	0	2,700	(2,700)		0
Totals	613	1,575	(1,663)	0	525

Other Special Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers/ Adj	Ending Balance
Sale of Cemetery Lots	5,775	2,950	(500)		8,225
Cable(PEG) operations	14,778	16,223		(14,778)	16,223
Wetland Protection	12,136	723			12,858
Parks & Recreation Gifts	0	1,751			1,751
Council on Aging Gifts	1,062	0			1,062
Council on Aging Travel	6,803	930			7,733
West Stock Library:General a/c	13,402	259	(473)		13,187
Wise Acre Farms Inc(HCA)	2,000			(2,000)	0
Zucchini Festival	12,023		(70)		11,953
Total Other Special Revenue Funds	67,979	22,835	(1,043)	(16,778)	72,993

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Year Ending June 30, 2022

OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Trsfrs/Adj	Ending Balance
Title "V" Inspector	\$770	\$3,375	(\$4,145)		\$0
Electrical Inspector	\$5,060	\$13,750	(\$17,985)		\$825
Gas/Propane Inspector	\$1,045	\$2,755	(\$3,025)		\$775
Oil Burner Inspector	\$80	\$160	(\$240)		\$0
Plumbing Inspector	\$1,090	\$3,190	(\$3,740)		\$540
Smoke & Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$90		(\$80)	(\$10)	\$0
Collector :MLC/Demand fees	\$6,275	\$5,909	(\$6,500)	\$1,195	\$6,879
Deputy Collector	\$325	\$3,299	(\$3,566)		\$58
Total Other Revolving Funds	\$14,735	\$32,438	(\$39,281)	\$1,185	\$9,077

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Trsfrs	Ending Balance
Open Space Reserved	\$8,176	\$7,726			\$15,902
Historic Resources Reserved	\$8,176	\$7,726			\$15,902
Community Housing Reserved	\$8,176	\$7,726			\$15,902
CPA- Undesignated	\$50,961	\$114,817	(\$78)	(\$23,178)	\$142,522
					\$0
Total Community Preservation Funds	\$75,489	\$137,995	(\$78)	(\$23,178)	\$190,228

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

AGENCY FUNDS Year ending June 30, 2022

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Payments	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding	\$0	\$182,945	(\$182,945)	\$0
Med/Fica Withholding	\$0	\$22,222	(\$22,222)	\$0
State Withholding	\$0	\$72,160	(\$72,160)	\$0
Retirement Withholding	\$0	\$78,544	(\$77,229)	\$1,315
Deferred Comp Withholding	\$0	\$66,256	(\$65,209)	\$1,047
Group Health/Dental Ins.	\$30,010	\$50,763	(\$38,904)	\$41,868
Life Insurance withholding	\$18	\$263	(\$258)	\$23
Union Dues	\$0	\$1,188	(\$1,134)	\$54
Aflac Withholding	\$1,041	\$9,053	(\$8,798)	\$1,296
Other Withholding(Provident)	\$66	\$751	(\$723)	\$94
Court Ordered deductions	\$0	\$13,065	(\$13,065)	\$0
Truck Stop Solar (decommissioning Bond)	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
Outside Police Details	(\$26,036)	\$459,090	(\$452,266)	(\$19,212)
Bonds Refunded/issued	\$0	\$430,000	(\$430,000)	\$0
Totals	\$11,099	\$1,386,299	(\$934,912)	\$32,486

CAPITAL PROJECTS Year ending June 30, 2022

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
Road Improvements Prj	\$0	\$190,000	(\$190,000)		\$0
New Highway Truck	\$0	\$240,000	(\$240,000)		\$0
Totals	\$0	\$430,000	(\$430,000)	\$0	\$0

TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE

TRUST FUNDS

Year ending June 30, 2022

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
Tricentennial Trust	\$4,546	\$1			\$4,547
Stabilization - Tax Title Demo	\$15,000				\$15,000
Stabilization - Capital Fund	\$145,000				\$145,000
Stabilization Fund	\$443,581	\$2,571			\$446,152
Cemetery PC-interest	\$8,494	\$12			\$8,506
Cemetery PC - principal	\$60,648	\$800			\$61,448
Conservation Fund	\$15,271	\$2			\$15,273
Surface Water Bodies	\$743	\$1		(\$744)	\$0
War Memorial	\$3,872	\$1			\$3,873
Land Bank Trust	\$543				\$543
W.Stock Library Trust	\$47,103	\$24			\$47,127
Totals	\$744,801	\$3,412	\$0	(\$744)	\$747,469

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Year ending June 30, 2022

Descriptions	Beginning Balance	New debt	Payments	Ending Balance
Village Sch/Town Offices	\$140,000		(\$140,000)	\$0
Sewer	\$747,552		(\$23,362)	\$724,190
West Center Rd Improvements	\$375,000		(\$37,500)	\$337,500
Municipal Purpose Ln	\$0	\$430,000		\$430,000
Dept Equip Loan[combined]:				
*Highway Loader				\$0
* Fire Truck(Pumper)				\$0
*** Dept Equip	\$366,710		(\$133,104)	\$233,606
* Card Lake Parking Lot	\$112,000			\$112,000
	<u>\$478,710</u>			<u>\$345,606</u>
Totals	\$1,741,262	\$430,000	(\$333,966)	\$1,837,296
				<u>\$1,837,296</u>

Treasurer's Report - FY2022

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Balance as of June 30, 2022</u>
Berkshire Bank (General Fund)	\$550,743.67
Berkshire Bank (Payroll)	(\$13,153.03)
MMDT (General Fund)	93.66
UniBank (Vendor - #1568)	15,167.29
TDBank (Vendor)	3,096.22
UniBank (General Fund - #0783)	0.60
UniBank (General Fund - #1774)	915,665.21
UniBank (Building Commissioner)	55,673.38
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Total General Fund	\$1,527,287.00

Stabilization Accounts

Adams Community Bank	606,152.13
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Total Stabilization	\$606,152.13

Other Funds

Berkshire Bank (Water Enterprise)	\$194,488.73
Berkshire Bank (Sewer Enterprise)	41,903.33
UniBank (6-Trust Funds)	113,031.01
Berkshire Bank (Cultural Council)	5,943.83
Berkshire Bank (Zucchini Festival)	12,029.42
UniBank (Community Preservation)	186,864.03
Berk. Bank (Library-Now Account)	13,660.39
Berk. Bank (Library-MM Account)	47,126.18
Adams Community Bank (ARPA)	188,621.24
Total Other Funds	\$803,668.16
TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS	<u><u>\$2,937,107.29</u></u>

Cash-Beginning Balance (07/01/21)	\$2,028,356.16
Receipts	\$8,604,305.21
Disbursements	(\$7,695,554.08)
Ending Balance (06/30/22)	<u><u>\$2,937,107.29</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen T. Williams
Town Treasurer

Annual Report West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Recreation Committee, under helpful direction from Curt Wilton, enjoyed a productive year and worked hard to expand and/or research expansion of the properties and events that we offer.

This past year saw much work done on our beloved Card Pond – including the installation of an eye-catching and functional anti-goose split rail fence, many new picnic tables with umbrellas, and a certified life guard who monitored the beach four days a week. Additionally, the lifeguard was able to monitor the beach from atop a brand-new lifeguard chair. All of this action at Card Pond, during June, July, and August, meant that not only was this town property used more than ever, but also that the geese were kept even more at bay! This is one of our many treasured “open spaces” in town. Parks & Rec worked with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (along with representatives from other town boards and committees) in 2022 on the West Stockbridge Open Space and Recreation Plan to see what other open spaces are important to our residents, and work on what we can do to best utilize and/or preserve those spaces.

Our traditional Memorial Day parade and observance at the town war memorial went on as planned and without a hitch, with support and input from many of our local veterans. Both parade and ceremony were well attended. The annual town Halloween celebration changed shape yet again, and our local families enjoyed an evening of trick-or-treating, a costume parade through town, and a party at the town hall. The celebration at the town hall was attended by several dozen families who took part in a costume contest, snacked on cider donuts and apples, and listened to fun Halloween music. Finally, the annual West Stockbridge Sparkles event was an enjoyable and festive affair with much town participation. Friends and neighbors came together to celebrate the winter holidays with a festive parade through town, tree lighting ceremony at the new tree outside of the town library, and a meet & greet with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and a host of North Pole Elves! Parks & Recreation sponsored hot cocoa, cookies, and presents for all who attended.

In 2023, we look forward to staffing Card Pond again, planning an even more fun Halloween party with games for all ages, and working to make the West Stockbridge Sparkles event even more accessible. Additionally, we are researching what would be needed to start a town dog park, including seeking members of a subcommittee. This is an exciting time, and we look forward to embracing this time of growth. We know that 2023 will be a great year in West Stockbridge, with many plans (both old and beloved, and new and fresh) on the horizon! As always, if you have ideas we would love to hear from you, or have you join us in a meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Caitlin Graham
Chairperson, West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation

Planning Board Report for 2022 - 2023 Annual Town Report

The Planning Board had a very busy 2022.

We worked with BRPC and the WS Master Plan Steering committee to complete drafts for a "Master Plan" and an "Open Space and Recreation Plan". Both drafts have to go to one, or more, cycles of further public comment. The Open Space and Recreation Plan is fairly complete while the Master Plan needs a little more work, especially on chapters about economic development and housing. There emerged from this process a strong consensus about the need for affordable senior housing and consensus about the need for more affordably priced housing for young families.

The chair participated in meetings of the "Complete Streets" committee that has prepared a draft of street and sidewalk improvements that may be eligible for grant finding from the State. The CS committee is reviewing this draft and providing comments to BRPC for their completion of this initial assessment work.

We held a public hearing for a citizen petition from Wiseacre Farms for a zoning change to allow large scale outdoor cultivation in the marijuana overlay district. We held a public hearing for changes to the zoning to correct minor errors made by General Code in conforming zoning to a new format. These zoning changes passed at the annual town meeting.

Drafts for zoning changes to add regulations for short term rentals, and to update our accessory dwelling unit and flood plain overlay district regulations were developed in the 1st half of the year. These were completed more or less at the end of June and were distributed to various parties for comment. More public input is needed so that we can move these items forward, finalize drafts, and get these changes to town meeting. We look for public input and we hope to do that in early 2023.

We worked on conforming and "cleaning up" our subdivision control regulations. These need to be finalized and re-adopted by the Planning Board.

The chair attended the Heirloom Lodge ZBA hearings and the appeal for enforcement relating to the Foundry that was made by Truc Nguyen.

In the summer we were busy with a Special Permit for the Wisdom Lodge to re-use the former Sportsman Club as a venue for their lodge meetings. The existing lodge building just off Main Street will be something that will need planning and re-use consideration.

The selectboard requested us to hold a public hearing for changes in the zoning to make the Planning Board be the Special permit Granting Authority for most special permit uses. This zoning change was passed at an October 6 Special Town Meeting.

Early in the fall we handled a Special Permit application for Wiseacre farm to relocate and expand their cannabis cultivation business. Later in the fall we did the Foundry special permit.

We also had a couple of special permits for ground mounted solar in residential districts, along with a variety of Form A applications.

We look forward to moving ahead with zoning changes for accessory dwelling units, short term rentals, and flood plain regs in 2023.

We could never have done all this work if the planning board budget had not been increased to enable us to hire an active planning board administrative assistant.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Bixby, Chair, West Stockbridge Planning Board



REPORT OF THE WEST STOCKBRIDGE VISION COMMITTEE, JANUARY 2023

The West Stockbridge Vision Committee (WSVC) is now in its fourth year. The following is a description of our year in review:

WSVC has continued to focus on things like beautifying downtown, supporting ways to help preserve our rural character, learning how to apply for grants, studying our history and discussing ways to improve positive growth to increase prosperity for everyone. This all took place while we participated with other town boards about important topics like zoning, permitting and planning, while suggesting productive ideas to our Select Board, which is our main charge. We have also attended other committee meetings besides Select Board meetings. We've participated with The Master Plan Steering Committee, The Open Space and Recreation Committee, Complete Streets Committee [with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission], and we attended a number of Planning Board meetings throughout the past year.

WSVC has learned to focus on specific subjects that we can truly influence in a positive and constructive manner. It may be true that West Stockbridge is a small town with relatively limited capabilities compared to other Berkshire towns, but many things about our town can be improved or become more effective. Making some things better often achieves more than creating something new - and it's often easier to accomplish! We helped support our recently adopted Community Preservation Act (CPA). Our town now has a CPA Committee to oversee newly created funds that are designed to encourage better use of the parks and open space in town. Our town beach, our Town Hall recreation areas and our public spaces are constantly being renewed and improved. We also support the work being done by other town boards, committees, departments and officers that maintain the level of services that West Stockbridge enjoys.

WSVC currently has seven full time voting members: Chair Joe Roy Jr., Vice Chair Bill Barth, Steve Graham (clerk and webmaster), Karen Carmean, Thom Lipiczky, Doane Perry and Frank Landsberger. Carter White and Peter Thorne are emeritus members. We are all appointed by the Select Board, but anyone can attend our meetings and/or offer suggestions. For links to our Zoom meetings, see our page on the town website: <https://www.weststockbridge-ma.gov/vision-committee>.

This past year, our committee has focused on the following topics:

- Traffic & pedestrian safety (especially downtown – parking & crosswalks) -
- Sound Control (possible ordinance or bylaw) -
- West Stockbridge "Livability" -
- Sustaining residency of young adults and seniors -
- Improving Education -
- Coordinating with other town boards -
- Indexing permits needed in various zoning districts –

These are all very involved and important goals!

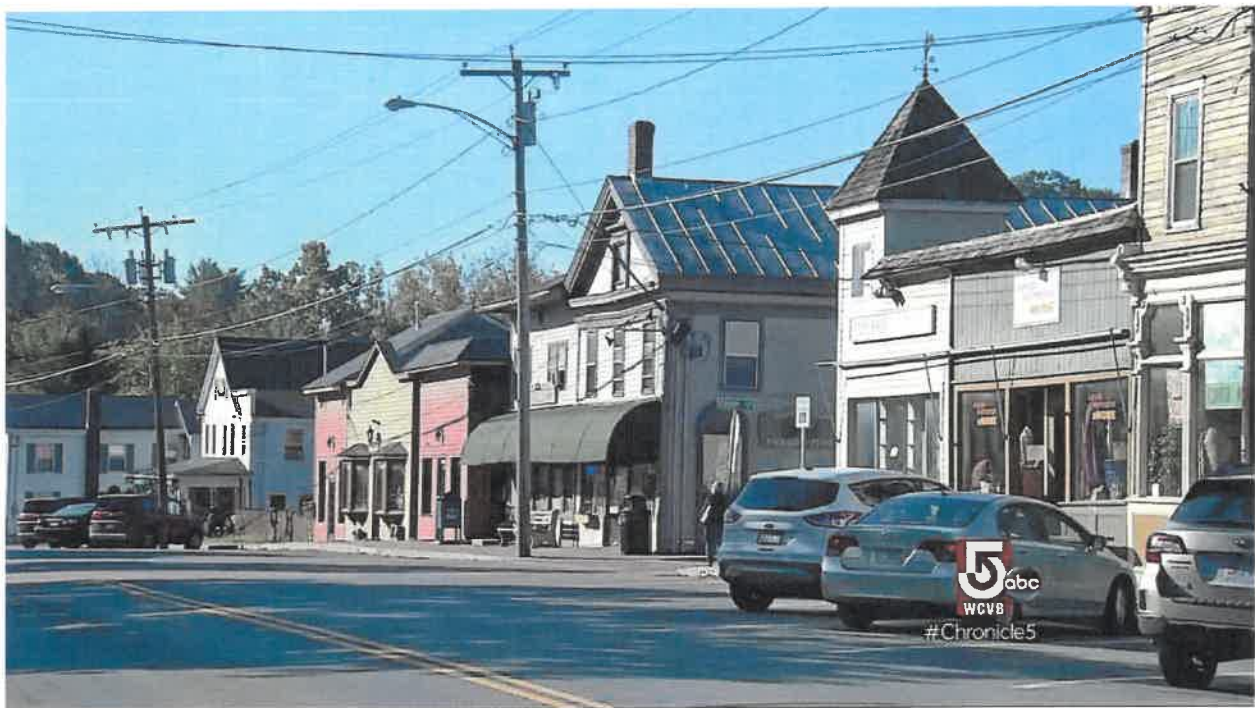
And still, there were many other subjects on our posted agendas this year - [such as creating "Welcome to West Stockbridge" signs, erecting a pavilion or two, creating new sidewalks and parking, learning more about EV charging stations, and studying the long term consequences of the pandemic on our school system - just to name a few].

WSVC conducted one "Public Forum" in 2022 on November 16th. We had a guest speaker from the law firm of Lazan Glover & Puciloski LLC to answer questions from attendees. Attorney Alexandra Glover responded to questions on the subjects of municipal noise ordinances and short term rentals. It lasted about two hours and was well received. We hope to conduct similar events in the future.

Our Vision Committee is a work in progress. The topics change regularly, and if you have an opinion on anything that might improve living in West Stockbridge, we'd love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Roy, Jr
Chair, West Stockbridge Vision Committee



REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Select Board:

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2022 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 39 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2022 Submitted 7/01/21- 6/30/22	Pmt Due in FY 2023-FY 2022 - 75%
West Stockbridge	\$11,082.12	\$8,311.99

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	21
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	42
DD 214s	38
Request for Grave Markers	40
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	20
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	25
Assisted with Dr. appointments	15
Home and Office Visits	265
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1175

For FY 2022 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. West Stockbridge's apportionment towards the FY 2022 DVS budget was \$5,637.42 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2020 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Hils

Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
May 9, 2022
Warrant for Annual Town Election***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Gymnasium of the Town Hall, 21 State Line Road in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday May 9, 2022 at ten o'clock in the morning for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Election Officer(s) for the election of candidates for the following offices:

- One Moderator for a term of one year.
- One Member, Select Board for a term of three years.
- One Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- One Town Collector for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Assessors for a term of three years.
- One Member, Finance Committee for terms of three years.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
- One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the morning and will remain open continuously until seven o'clock in the evening of said day when they will then be closed.

All ballots shall be furnished by the Town Clerk and the election will be conducted in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
May 2, 2022
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, *who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at six o'clock in the evening on Monday May 2, 2022 in the gymnasium in the Town Hall of West Stockbridge, located at 21 State Line Road, then and there to act on the following articles:*

Article 01: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any Committee of the Town.

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 02: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to act as agents of the Town in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 2 for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Select Board shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 03: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Board or Officer in charge of a department, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell any property of the Town which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by the respective department and which does not, in the opinion of the Selectmen, exceed \$500.00 in value, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 04: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds received for the fiscal year 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 05: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint any agents or committees of the Town and give them authority or instructions, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 06: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint all non-elected Town Officers necessary or required to be chosen by the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select

Board, to sell at public auction all or any of its property acquired by virtue of sale of non-payment of taxes, which have been confirmed by the Land Court to the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 08: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(Requires a 2/3rds Majority vote to pass)

Motion made, seconded, approved by unanimous vote

Article 09: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Select Board, to seek and accept any grants and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section(s) 6, 6A, and 8C and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within two years, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to give bonds by some surety company and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay for same, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 11: To see if the Town will approve the \$1,500,000 borrowing authorized by the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility and Schematic Design Study for the Monument Mountain Regional High School located at 600 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA, which will materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Building Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(Recommended by the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee)

Motion made, seconded Discussion followed, Peter Dillon explained Approved

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of various elected Town Officers, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Select Board Member (Chair)	\$ 2,200	\$ 0	\$ 2,200
Select Board Member (each, 2 members)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Town Collector	\$ 18,500	\$ 500	\$ 19,000
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500

Motion made, seconded Discussion followed, Marie Ryan explained. Approved

General Government

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the general government operations of the Town for fiscal year 2023, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 25,000	\$15,000	\$ 40,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 77,250	\$ 2318	\$ 79568
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,000
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Select Board's Salaries	\$ 6,200	\$ 0	\$ 6,200
Select Board's Expenses	\$ 14,000	\$ 500	\$ 14,500
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Accountant's Salary	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 21,000
Accountant's State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Accountant's Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Treasurer/Accountant Software	\$ 5,100	\$ 800	\$ 5,900
Assessor's Salary	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Assessor's Cont Services/Expense	\$ 53,298	\$ 1,250	\$ 54,548
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 22,500
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 12,050	\$ 700	\$ 12,750
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 18,500	\$ 500	\$ 19,000
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ (2000)	\$ 2,000
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 1,700	\$ 210	\$ 1,910
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Elections and Registrations	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,000
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Street List	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Planning Board	\$ 3,100	\$13,650	\$ 16,750
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,500
Town Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$ 0	\$ 90,000
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
Town Reports	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 3,800

Town Audit	\$ 15,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 16,500
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000
Town Buildings Electricity	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000
Town Buildings Fuel	\$ 29,000	\$ 0	\$ 29,000
Town Buildings Telephone	\$ 13,000	\$ 0	\$ 13,000
Town Buildings Repairs/Maint.	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
Town Buildings Plants & Gardening	\$ 3,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 11,500
Town Buildings Supplies	\$ 10,800	\$ 1,200	\$ 12,000
	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Town Buildings Custodian Salary	\$ 49,300	\$ 4,260	\$ 53,560
Town Seasonal Salary	\$ 3,750	\$ 250	\$ 4,000
Town Signage	\$ 0	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
OPEB Fees	\$ 2,625	\$ 325	\$ 2,950

Total General Government \$618,273 \$79,963 \$698,236
Motion made, seconded Discussion followed. Approved

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public safety departments of the Town for fiscal year 2023, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:* [Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Police Chief Salary	\$ 76,404	\$ 4,584	\$ 80,988
Chief Sick/Personal Payout	\$ 5,857	\$ 175	\$ 6,032
Part Time Patrol Officers Salary	\$ 59,599	\$ 3,333	\$ 62,932
Full Time Officers Salary	\$135,308	\$ 4,059	\$139,367
Administrative Asst. Salary	\$ 18,915	\$ 567	\$ 19,482
Full Time Officers Holiday Pay	\$ 11,530	\$ 350	\$ 11,880
Training Time Pay	\$ 8,500	\$ 255	\$ 8,755
Police Overtime Pay	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,500
Fitness Stipend	\$ 1,800	\$ 900	\$ 2,700
Uniforms	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,000
Police Training	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Police Fuel	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,000
Police Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 6,500	\$ 0	\$ 6,500
Police Vehicles Repairs & Maint.	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 11,000
Police Other Charges & Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Police Maint. Contracts	\$ 6,700	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,700
Police Supplies	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Police Equipment	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 8,000
Police Bridge Academy	\$ 0	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Police Traffic Calming	\$ 0	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,800
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 12,000
Fire Department Training	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fire Department Fuel	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000

Fire Dept. Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Fire Dept. Repairs & Maint.	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Fire Dept. Turnout Gear	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Fire Dept. Supplies	\$ 6,250	\$ 0	\$ 6,250
Fire Dept. Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Fire Dept. Medical Supplies	\$ 5,800	\$ 0	\$ 5,800
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 3,500	\$ 41,500	\$ 45,000
EMT Incentive	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,500
Communication Services	\$ 12,710	\$ 0	\$ 12,710
	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Building Inspector	\$ 10,050	\$ 1,950	\$ 12,000
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 2,500
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Animal Control Officer	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Animal Control Officer Exp.	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 400
Tree Warden	\$ 16,000	\$ 0	\$ 16,000

Tot. Protection Persons & Property \$504,223 \$113,973 \$618,196

Motion made, seconded Discussion followed, Austin White explained about mutual ambulance service with Richmond. Approved

Education

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,184,170 for the purpose of paying the FY 2023 operating assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$84,315 for the purpose of paying the FY 2023 capital assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Motion made, seconded, approved

Public Works and Facilities

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public works and facilities departments of the Town for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Director Salary	\$ 78,613	\$ 2,359	\$ 80,972
Highway Salaries	\$170,868	\$ 5,132	\$176,000
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 14,268	\$ 3,452	\$ 17,720
Contracted Longevity Pay	\$ 4,500	\$ 500	\$ 5,000
Highway Overtime	\$ 14,600	\$ 0	\$ 14,600

Fitness Stipend	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,700	\$ 4,500
Uniform Allowance	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Highway Professional Training	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 900
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 800	\$ 0	\$ 800
Gas and Diesel Fuel	\$ 25,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ 22,000
Highways and Bridges	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Culverts and Guardrails	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 26,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 28,000
Highway Construction	\$ 55,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ 52,000
Highway Line Painting	\$ 15,600	\$ 1,400	\$ 17,000
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 80,000	\$ 0	\$ 80,000
Street Lights	\$ 17,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 20,000
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$117,516	\$ 2,700	\$120,216
	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Cemetery Department	\$ 33,000	\$ 0	\$ 33,000
Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 14,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,000
Mill & Card Pond Weed Removal	\$ 13,000	\$ (13,000)	\$ 0
Group Purchasing	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 900
Total Public Works & Facilities	\$711,365	\$ 5,243	\$716,608

Motion made, seconded, approved

Human Services

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the human services departments of the Town for fiscal year 2023, or *take any other action in relation thereto*:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Board of Health	\$ 3,000	\$ (525)	\$ 2,475
Board of Health Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 525	\$ 15,525
Community Health	\$ 27,100	\$ (23,100)	\$ 4,000
Council on Aging	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Total Human Services	\$ 77,100	\$ (23,100)	\$ 54,000

Culture and Recreation

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for culture and recreation departments of the Town for fiscal year 2023, or *take any other action in relation thereto*:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Library	\$ 50,135	\$ 1,244	\$ 51,379
Parks and Recreation	\$ 14,000	\$ 9,850	\$ 23,850
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Vision Committee	\$ 1,435	\$ 0	\$ 1,435

Total Culture and Recreation ***\$ 65,770*** ***\$ 11,094*** ***\$ 76,864***
Motion made, seconded, approved

Debt and Interest

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for debt and interest obligations for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Interest & Fees Short/Long Term	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Sewer Capital Costs	\$ 37,379	\$ (438)	\$ 36,941
Town Hall Bldg Loan	\$142,800	\$(142,800)	\$ 0
Multi-Purpose Loan	\$137,796	\$ 35,125	\$172,921
Multi-Purpose Loan FY23	\$ 0	\$ 44,142	\$ 44,142

Total Debt & Interest ***\$322,975*** ***\$ (63,971)*** ***\$259,004***
Motion made, seconded, approved

Intergovernmental Expenses

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for intergovernmental expenses for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Veterans District	\$ 6,000	\$ 100	\$ 6,100
<i>Total Intergovernmental Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 6,000</i>	<i>\$ 100</i>	<i>\$ 6,100</i>

Motion made, seconded, approved

Unclassified Expenses

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for certain unclassified expenses for fiscal year 2023, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 23</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$154,015	\$14,708	\$168,723
Health Insurance	\$207,674	\$ 0	\$207,674

Medicare & FICA Tax	\$ 18,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 19,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000

Total Unclassified Expenses	\$400,989	\$ 15,708	\$416,697
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Motion made, seconded, approved

Special Financial Article

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee.]

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Merritt Way as a public town way in the location ordered by the Select Board and depicted on a plan of land dated March 24, 2022 , prepared by Foresight Land Services, and entitled Easement Plan of 15 Feet Right-of-Way “Merritt Way”, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk as required by law, and further to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, rights in the land within the layout sufficient to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of West Stockbridge, and to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of acquiring such rights and paying all costs incidental and related thereto, *or to take any other action relative thereto.*

Motion made to change date of Land Plan to April 25 2022. Seconded, amendment approved. Motion made to accept amended article, seconded, approved

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$7,100.00, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping new computers for the Police Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of funding a traffic study on Great Barrington Road, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of funding one new mower for the Department of Public Works, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$58,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new vehicle for the Police Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new truck for the Department of Public Works, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the design and engineering of the Town-owned property on Moscow Road, located near the Public Restrooms, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made to amend article to read inclusive of the restrooms. Seconded, approved.

Motion to accept amended article, seconded, approved

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a possible road extension of Harris Street to Moscow Road, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded Discussion followed. Show of hands, majority vote no.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to set aside the following amounts, to be held in reserve in the Community Preservation Fund to be set aside for FY2023 or later years, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

Housing Reserve	\$11,079
Open Space Reserve	\$11,079
Historic Resources Reserve	\$11,079
Administrative Expenses	\$3,500

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$295,439 for the purpose of funding a resurfacing of Maple View Drive, Smith Road, Woodruff Road and Wilson Road, and for the payment of all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The intent of this appropriation is to add available Town funds to our annual State highway funding to provide for the resurfacing of the Maple View Drive, Smith Road, Woodruff Road and Wilson Road paving project. (Requires 2/3rds vote to pass)

Motion made, seconded, approved by unanimous vote

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 31 at the Annual Town Meeting of May 8, 2017, to appropriate an additional \$35,000 from certified free cash for the purpose of repairing the roof of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant including all incidental and related

Motion made, seconded, approved

costs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate certified free cash the sum of \$105,500 for the purpose of purchasing a rotating biological contactor unit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(NOTE: The intent is to replenish this amount with funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act awarded to the Town)

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,022 and appropriate the same amount to the Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,022 and appropriate the same amount to the Capital Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Special Bylaw Articles

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 8 of the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, entitled Community Preservation Committee, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

1. Section 8-1 Establishment, item A, by replacing the words "nine voting members" with "seven voting members".
2. Section 8-1 Establishment, item A-5, by deleting the entire wording and replacing it with the following;

"One individual with interest or expertise in Housing, appointed by the Select Board for an initial term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years."

3. Section 8-1 Establishment, item A-6, by deleting the entire paragraph and replacing it with the following;

"Two members of the general public, who are not Town employees or currently holding elected or appointed positions, as designated by the Select Board. One member will be appointed to an initial term of two years, and thereafter for a term of three years. The other member will be appointed for a three-year term."

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, by making several ministerial changes and typographical corrections, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

All Chapters All Sections Change: Building Inspector
To: Building Commissioner, in each instance in which it occurs

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	
1	1-8	Non-Criminal Disposition Add to end of paragraph: Fee Schedule 1 st Offense \$50 2 nd Offense \$100 3 rd Offense \$300 And all subsequent offenses

20	20-1	Finances – Audit An audit of the accounts of the Town shall be made semi-annually <u>annually</u> beginning with the closure of Fiscal Year 1999 on June 30, 1999, as provided by M.G.L. c. 44, sec 35.
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- 20 20-11 Finances – Collection of Parking Citations
The ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Select Board shall appoint a hearings parking clerk,
who shall hear all grievances and collect said fines.
- 45 45-1 Officers and Employees – Town Moderator
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 41, there shall ~~elected~~ be elected one
Moderator for a term of one year.
- 45 45-13 Officers and Employees – Appointed Officers
Add the following to the chart:
Alternate Building Inspector 1 year
Asst. Wire Inspector 1 year
- 65 65-1 Town Meeting – Date & Location of Annual Town Meeting
The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday evening in May of
each year at the ~~Village School Auditorium~~ Town Hall.
- 65 65-11 Town Meeting – Warrant Closing Date
~~Selectmen~~ Select Board shall announce a date to close acceptance of any articles
to appear on the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting and so notify the Town
Clerk.
- 80 Title Alarm Systems
Replace the Title of “Alarm Systems” with
“Emergency Alarm Systems”
- 80 80-1 Alarm Systems – Timing Device Required
Delete this entire section “Timing Device Required”
- 80 80-3 (A) Alarm Systems – Permit Required; fees; revocation
The Select Board ~~is hereby authorized may~~ authorize the Police Department to
be the permit granting authority to grant a revocable permit to any owner, lessee,
or occupant of property located in the Town to operate, maintain, install or
modify an automatic emergency alarm system.
- 95 95-1 Building Construction – Required
Said permits shall be issued by the ~~Select Board~~ Building Commissioner in
multiple copies so that one may be given to the builder, one to the Assessor and
the Finance Director, one to the Board of Health, one to the Planning Board and
one to be filed by the Select Board.
- 95 95-6 Building Construction – Enforcement; violations and penalties
Failure to comply with this bylaw shall subject the offending property owner to a
~~fine not exceeding \$10.~~ fine as described in Chapter 1, section 1-8 per c. MGL
40, Sec. 21D.

Newspaper Dispensing Devices
Delete entire Chapter

Vehicles and Traffic – Notice of violation; penalties
Such violation may be punishable by a ~~fine of \$10.~~ fine as described in Chapter 1, section 1-8 per MGL c. 40, Sec. 21D.

Motion made, seconded, approved by unanimous vote

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the office of the Town Clerk, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

1. Correct the number of days for the Zoning Board of Appeals decisions from 120 to 100 in Section 7.6 to read as follows;

7.6 Decisions by the Board

The decision of the Board of Appeals shall be made within ~~120 days~~ 100 days after the date of filing of an appeal, applications or petition with the Town Clerk, except in regard to special permits as provided in Section 6.3 of this bylaw. Failure by the Board to act within said 100 days shall be deemed to be the grant of relief, application or petition sought, except in regard to special permits.

2. Delete the second sentence of the Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 127, section 11.1.1:
11.1.1

Any change to the Zoning Map of the Town or to the Table of Uses set forth in Section 4.11 of this bylaw shall be made only at an Annual Town Meeting and not at a Special Town Meeting.

[Note: This article requires a 2/3rds vote for approval]

Motion made, seconded, approved by unanimous vote

Sewer and Water [The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$110,400 for the purpose of funding the FY 2023 Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$74,450 for the purpose of funding the FY 2023 Water Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Revolving Funds

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to:

- (1) Amend the General Bylaws by establishing the following revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to the funds, the departmental programs or purposes for which the funds may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend the funds, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
Cemetery	Cemetery Commissioners	Fees and charges received from the sale of burial plots	Perpetual Care
Emergency Alarm	Emergency Alarm Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Gas	Gas Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Plumbing	Plumbing Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Wiring	Wire Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Oil Burning	Oil Burner Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Title V	Title V Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Department	User fees and charges received from Parks and Recreation Department programs.	Equipment and events

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting, or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

- (2) And, also, pursuant to said MGL 44, Section 53E½ further, to vote to set the spending limits for fiscal year 2023, with such limits to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1, in any fiscal year, to increase or decrease the same for the upcoming fiscal year:

	<u>FY '22</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '23</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Total Revolving Fund	\$ 8,200	\$0	\$ 8,200

or take any other action in relation thereto.

[Approved by the Finance Committee]
Motion made, seconded, approved

Citizen Petition

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following changes to the Zoning Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Section 9.1.1 (b) would be amended by adding the words in **RED** to read:

“It is the intent of these bylaws to enable small-scale and local marijuana-related business activity. For all districts, **except the MOD**, special permits for cultivation of marijuana may only be granted when the size and amount of cultivation for an individual or corporate entity does not exceed a “Tier One” scale of cultivation activity, presently defined by 935 CMR 500.000, except that a craft cooperative shall be limited to three noncontiguous cultivation sites in the Town of West Stockbridge, each of which is limited to a Tier 1 canopy (5,000 square feet). **In the MOD only, special permits for all Tiers for outdoor cultivation may be granted where the MOD overlays with areas of the preexisting Manufacturing District.**”

To address potential concerns about odor, Section 9.1.4 entitled “Outdoor cultivation of marijuana” would be amended by adding the following new subsection h.

h. Reasonable odor mitigation may be required as directed by the SPGA.

Finally, to effectuate these changes, all references in the Zoning Bylaws to the Marijuana Retail Overlay District or MROD would be changed to the Marijuana Overlay District or MOD (In Sections 3.1, where it is first used, 3.2.3 where it is first defined, 4.11 Table of Uses, Principal, 4.11 Table of Uses, Accessory, and 5.6 Table of Dimensional Requirements.) and in 4.11 Table of Uses number 38 and 39 under MOD would be changed from NO to SPP.

[Note: This article requires a 2/3rds vote for approval]

Motion made, seconded, approved by unanimous vote

Article 44: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

Motion made to adjourn, 8:30 pm, seconded, approved

Given under our hands this 24th day of March 2022.

West Stockbridge Select Board

Eric Shimelonis, *Chair*

Kathleen Keresey

Roger Kavanagh

I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, and at the public notice boards at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Warrant for FY22 Special Town Meeting
For Budget Amendments***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at six o'clock (6:00 PM) in the evening on Monday, June 27, 2022 in the Town Offices Gymnasium, 21 State Line Road, in the Village of West Stockbridge then and there to act on the following articles:

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm. Quorum present

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$28,000 to supplement the Highway Department FY2022 budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Due to the necessary truck repairs during the year, the budget was not sufficient to support its operations)

Motion made, seconded. Approved

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$13,000 to supplement the Water Operations FY2022 Budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion made, seconded. Approved

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$15,000, AND to also transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,000 to supplement the Sewer Operations FY2022 Budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion made, seconded. Approved

Article 4: To do and transact any other business to be done by the Town.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Given under our hands this 7th day of June 2022.

Kathleen Keresey _____

Andrew Potter _____

Andrew Krouss _____

West Stockbridge Select Board

I certify that I have posted true and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: *Veronica Barrett*, Constable

Date: _____

True Attest Copy: Veronica Barrett, Town Clerk

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Warrant for Special Town Meeting
October 6, 2022
MINUTES***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) on Thursday, October 6, 2022 in the Town Offices Gymnasium, located at 21 State Line Road, in the Village of West Stockbridge, to act on the following articles:

Motion made and seconded by Town Clerk Veronica Barrett to appoint Joseph Roy, Jr. as Moderator.

Motion voted unanimously.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,070.00 for the purchase of online backup services for the Town computer system, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Police Department operations budget approved under the Motion for Article 12 of the May 9, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, and vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for fiscal year 2023, as follows:

	FY23 Budget <u>Adjustment</u>
Part Time Patrol Officer Salary	(\$ 50,000)
Full Time Officers Salary	\$107,353
Full Time Officers Holiday Pay	\$ 4,492
Full Time Officer Personal & Sick Payout	\$ 14,235
Fitness Stipend	\$ 2,250
EMT Incentive	\$ 800
Education Incentive	\$ 2,500

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, by making several ministerial changes, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Change</u>
5	5-1 (F)	At least two one public hearings shall be held previous to the Annual Meeting, at which time all interested taxpayers may be heard as to the appropriations to be voted upon at Town Meeting.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Change</u>
45	45-16 (N)	Delete entirely N. Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances.
125	125-4 (B)	Insert the word Assessor in the last paragraph A copy of the disclosure notification shall be provided by the Town Assessor to landowners each fiscal year by mail.

Motion made by Mitchell Greenwald and seconded to strike the change to Chapter 5 of this article.

Motion Failed.

Vote taken on the article as written.

Motion made, seconded and Approved.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Office of the Town Clerk, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

1. Amend the table in Section 4.11.1 so that all references to "SPS" read "SPP" (rows 7, 8, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, 32 and 37).
2. Amend the table in Section 4.11.2 so that all references to "SPS" read "SPP" (rows 14, and 15)

3. Amend introductory paragraph of Section 6.7.2 to read as follows:

*The following signs may be displayed ~~with a permit from the Select Board issued~~ in accordance with the provisions of the Town's **Zoning** Sign Bylaw, section 6.7.*

4. Amend Paragraph c. of Section 6.7.3 to read as follows:

No sign shall be located off the premises to which it applies, except that directional, informational or identification signs may be allowed ~~by the Select Board~~ where such signs will serve the public convenience and not be detrimental to the neighborhood with respect to size, location, or design.

5. Amend Paragraph e. of Section 6.7.3 to read as follows:

No portable sign of any type will be allowed except for a period of not more than three days ~~with a special permit from the Select Board~~ at a maximum square footage of 5 sq. ft. per side. This will be allowed up to four (4) time per calendar year.

6. *In section 6.7.2.d change the word "business" to "commercial"*

Motion made by William Kie and seconded, to table this article until the Annual Town Meeting.
Motion Failed.

A Hand count vote taken on the article as written.

YES- 42 NO – 20

Motion Approved by 2/3rds Majority Vote

Article 6: To do and transact any other business to be done by the Town,
or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion made, seconded and approved to Adjourn meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Veronica Barrett, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
May 8, 2023
Warrant for Annual Town Election

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Gymnasium of the Town Hall, 21 State Line Road in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday May 8, 2023 at ten o'clock in the morning for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Election Officer(s) for the election of candidates for the following offices:

One Moderator for a term of one year.
One Member, Select Board for a term of three years.
One Member, Board of Assessors for a term of three years.
Two Members, Finance Committee for terms of three years.
One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.
One Tree Warden for a term of three years.
Five Constables each for a term of three years.

And the following ballot questions:

1. Shall the Town vote to have its elected town clerk become an appointed clerk of the town?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Shall the Town vote to have its elected collector become an appointed collector of the town?
Yes _____ No _____

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the morning and will remain open continuously until seven o'clock in the evening of said day when they will then be closed.

All ballots shall be furnished by the Town Clerk and the election will be conducted in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
May 1, 2023
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, *who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at six o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 1, 2023 in the gymnasium at Town Hall of West Stockbridge, located at 21 State Line Road, then and there to act on the following articles:*

Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any Committee of the Town.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to act as agents of the Town in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 2 for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Select Board shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Board or Officer in charge of a department, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell any property of the Town which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by the respective department and which does not, in the opinion of the Selectmen, exceed \$500.00 in value, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds received for the fiscal year 2023 *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint any agents or committees of the Town and give them authority or instructions, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint all non-elected Town Officers necessary or required to be chosen by the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell at public auction all or any of its property acquired by virtue of sale of non-payment of taxes, which have been confirmed by the Land Court to the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(Requires a 2/3rds Majority vote to pass)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Select Board, to seek and accept any grants and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section(s) 6, 6A, and 8C and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within two years, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B to establish a special purpose stabilization fund for money received from judgments or settlements in litigation or claims against opioid manufacturers or distributors (the "Opioid Stabilization Fund"), for the purposes of supplementing and strengthening the resources available to West Stockbridge individuals and families for substance use disorder prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery, including without limitation: opioid use disorder treatment; supporting and promoting recovery and treatment programs such as through housing, job placement, childcare, and healthcare; at-risk connections and school-based services and training or safe station partnerships; harm reduction programs and treatment; diversion programs for criminal-justice involved persons; support for pregnant and parenting persons and babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome; opioid prevention and misuse education; and/or for the purpose of funding any such programs and projects set out in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements and the National Opioid Settlement Agreement, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(Requires a 2/3rds Majority vote to pass)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to give bonds by some surety company and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay for same, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of various elected Town Officers, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Select Board Member (Chair)	\$ 2,200	\$ 0	\$ 2,200
Select Board Member (current Member)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Select Board Member (newest Member)	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Town Collector	\$ 19,000	\$ 0	\$ 19,000
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500

General Government

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the general government operations of the Town for fiscal year 2024, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 40,000	\$ 0	\$ 40,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 79,568	\$ 2,387	\$ 81,955
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,000
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Select Board's Salaries	\$ 6,200	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,200
Select Board's Expenses	\$ 14,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,500
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Accountant's Salary	\$ 21,000	\$ 0	\$ 21,000
Accountant's State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Accountant's Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Treasurer/Accountant Software	\$ 5,900	\$ 1,200	\$ 7,100
Town Audit	\$ 16,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 17,500
Assessor's Salary	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Assessor's Cont Services/Expense	\$ 54,548	\$ 3,152	\$ 57,700
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 22,500	\$ 0	\$ 22,500
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,260	\$ 7,260
OPEB Fees	\$ 2,950	\$ 0	\$ 2,950
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 19,000	\$ 0	\$ 19,000
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 14,750	\$ 250	\$ 15,000
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$ 5,000	\$ 150	\$ 5,150
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 1,910	\$ 600	\$ 2,510
Elections and Registrations	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	(\$3,000)	\$ 0
Street List	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Planning Board	\$ 16,750	\$ 0	\$ 16,750
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Town Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$ 0	\$ 90,000
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
Town Reports	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 3,800
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Town Bldg. & Grounds Sup. Salary	\$ 53,560	\$ 4,680	\$ 58,240
Town Seasonal Salary	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
Town Buildings Electricity	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 55,000
Town Buildings Fuel	\$ 29,000	\$ 2,900	\$ 31,900

Town Buildings Telephone	\$ 13,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 14,000
Town Buildings Repairs/Maint.	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 26,250
Town Buildings Plants & Gardening	\$ 11,500	\$ 1,150	\$ 12,650
Town Signage	\$ 7,000	(\$7,000)	\$ 0
Town Buildings Supplies	\$ 12,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 13,200
Total General Government	\$705,386	\$22,029	\$727,415

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public safety departments of the Town for fiscal year 2024, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto*: [Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Police Chief Salary	\$ 80,988	\$ 2,430	\$ 83,418
Part Time Patrol Officers Salary	\$ 12,932	(\$12,932)	\$ 0
Full Time Officers Salary	\$261,367	\$ 52,755	\$314,122
Administrative Asst. Salary	\$ 19,482	\$ 584	\$ 20,066
Full Time Officers Holiday Pay	\$ 20,458	\$ 15,487	\$ 35,945
Training Time Pay	\$ 8,755	\$ 1,245	\$ 10,000
Police Overtime Pay	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,198	\$ 10,698
Sick/Personal Payout	\$ 24,326	(\$ 4,326)	\$ 20,000
Police Traffic Calming	\$ 12,800	(\$ 2,800)	\$ 10,000
Fitness Stipend	\$ 4,950	(\$ 450)	\$ 4,500
Police Bridge Academy	\$ 28,000	(\$28,000)	\$ 0
Uniforms	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 8,400
Police Training	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Police Fuel	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,000
Police Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 6,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 8,500
Police Vehicles Repairs & Maint.	\$ 11,000	\$ 0	\$ 11,000
Police Other Charges & Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Police Maint. Contracts	\$ 7,700	\$ 0	\$ 7,700
Police Supplies	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Police Equipment	\$ 8,000	(\$ 3,000)	\$ 5,000
Police EMT Stipend	\$ 800	\$ 0	\$ 800
Police Education Stipend	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 2,500
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,000
Fire Department Training	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fire Department Fuel	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Fire Dept. Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Fire Dept. Repairs & Maint.	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Fire Dept. Supplies	\$ 6,250	\$ 0	\$ 6,250
Fire Dept. Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Fire Dept. Medical Supplies	\$ 5,800	\$ 0	\$ 5,800
Fire Dept. Turnout Gear	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 45,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 62,500
EMT Incentive	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 12,500	\$ 0	\$ 12,500

Communication Services	\$ 12,710	\$ 1,174	\$ 13,884
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Building Inspector	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,000
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 235	\$ 2,735
Animal Control Officer	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Animal Control Officer Exp.	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 400
Tree Warden	\$ 16,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 17,600
Total Protection Persons & Property	\$722,618	\$ 55,100	\$777,718

Education

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,318,213 for the purpose of paying the FY 2024 operating assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or *take any other action in relation thereto*.

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$73,632 for the purpose of paying the FY 2024 capital assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or *take any other action in relation thereto*.

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Public Works and Facilities

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public works and facilities departments of the Town for fiscal year 2024, or *take any other action in relation thereto*:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Director Salary	\$ 80,972	\$ 2,430	\$ 83,402
Highway Salaries	\$176,000	\$10,410	\$186,410
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 17,720	\$ 1,206	\$ 18,926
Contracted Longevity Pay	\$ 5,000	(\$ 500)	\$ 4,500
Highway Overtime	\$ 14,600	\$ 2,950	\$ 17,550
Fitness Stipend	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Uniform Allowance	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
Highway Professional Training	\$ 900	\$ 400	\$ 1,300
Dues & Licenses	\$ 800	\$ 200	\$ 1,000
Gas and Diesel Fuel	\$ 22,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 23,500
Highways and Bridges	\$ 14,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,000
Culverts and Guardrails	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 10,000
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 28,000	\$ 2,800	\$ 30,800
Highway Construction	\$ 52,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 58,000
Highway Line Painting	\$ 17,000	\$ 0	\$ 17,000
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 80,000	\$ 0	\$ 80,000
Street Lights	\$ 20,000	(\$ 5,000)	\$ 15,000
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Transfer Station Attendant Salary	\$ 23,800	\$ 2,400	\$ 26,200

Transfer Station Expenses	\$ 11,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,000
Transfer Station Hauling	\$ 85,416	(\$ 5,416)	\$ 80,000
Cemetery Department	\$ 33,000	\$ 0	\$ 33,000
Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Group Purchasing	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 900
<i>Total Public Works & Facilities</i>	<i>\$716,608</i>	<i>\$ 25,380</i>	<i>\$741,988</i>

Human Services

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the human services departments of the Town for fiscal year 2024, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Board of Health Salary	\$ 15,525	\$ 543	\$ 16,068
Board of Health	\$ 2,475	\$ 0	\$ 2,475
Community Health Alliance	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Council on Aging	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
<i>Total Human Services</i>	<i>\$ 54,000</i>	<i>\$ 543</i>	<i>\$ 54,543</i>

Culture and Recreation

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for culture and recreation departments of the Town for fiscal year 2024, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Library Salaries	\$ 40,679	\$ 3,254	\$ 43,933
Library Reading Materials	\$ 6,500	\$ 200	\$ 6,700
Library Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 100	\$ 2,600
Library Programming	\$ 1,700	\$ 100	\$ 1,800
Parks and Recreation	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Vision Committee	\$ 1,435	\$ 0	\$ 1,435
<i>Total Culture and Recreation</i>	<i>\$ 67,014</i>	<i>\$ 5,054</i>	<i>\$ 72,068</i>

Debt and Interest

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for debt and interest obligations for fiscal year 2024, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Interest & Fees Short/Long Term	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Sewer Capital Costs	\$ 36,941	\$ (438)	\$ 36,503
Multi-Purpose Loan	\$172,921	\$ 66,996	\$239,917
Total Debt & Interest	\$214,862	\$ 66,558	\$281,420

Intergovernmental Expenses

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for intergovernmental expenses for fiscal year 2024, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Veterans District	\$ 6,100	\$ 1,750	\$ 7,850
Total Intergovernmental Expenses	\$ 6,100	\$ 1,750	\$ 7,850

Unclassified Expenses

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for certain unclassified expenses for fiscal year 2024, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$168,723	\$18,499	\$187,222
Health Insurance	\$207,674	(\$ 7,674)	\$200,000
Medicare & FICA Tax	\$ 19,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 22,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000	\$10,000	\$ 30,000
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Total Unclassified Expenses	\$416,697	\$ 23,825	\$440,522

Special Financial Article

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee.]

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$8,460.00, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a Compact Water Pump for the Fire Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping two new updated Automated External Defibrillator units for the Police Department and Town Hall, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new dog licensing software program for the Town Clerk, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$3,250.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping two new election poll pads for the Town Clerk, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$44,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new van for the Council on Aging, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new floating dock for Card Pond for the Parks and Recreation Commission, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$14,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new utility shed at Town Hall for the Department of Public Works, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$46,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing the parking lot at the Town Hall and Library, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$120,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new dump truck for the Department of Public Works, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding a weed removal program for Card Pond and Shaker Mill Pond, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$9,250.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping three new computers for the Police Vehicles for the Police Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$91,300.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping new Police radio system, including a base station, six portable radios and four vehicle radios to meet new State requirements for the Police Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$356,400.00 for the purpose of funding the resurfacing of Iron Ore Road, Iron Mine Road, Silver Mine Road, Bobolink Road, Cone Hill Road and Furnace Road, and for the payment of all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: The intent of this appropriation is to add available Town funds to our annual State highway funding to provide for the resurfacing of Iron Ore Road, Iron Mine Road, Silver Mine Road, Bobolink Road, Cone Hill Road and Furnace Road the paving project.
(Requires 2/3rds vote to pass)

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or reserve for future appropriation, from the Community Preservation Fund, the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for FY24, with each item considered a separate appropriation; *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

<u>Reserves:</u>	
Housing Reserve	\$11,824
Open Space Reserve	\$11,824

<u>Appropriations:</u>	
Administrative Expenses	\$3,500

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY24 the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee;

<u>Project - Historical Resources</u>	<i>Total Appropriation</i>
<i>Renovation of two existing bathrooms on first and second floors of Historical Society Building at 9 Main Street to be ADA Compliant</i>	<i>\$22,500</i>

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,023 to the Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval.]

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$35,023 to the Capital Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval.]

Special Articles:

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Legislature to enact special legislation which provides that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Steven Traver may be employed as Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of West Stockbridge, subject to approval by the Select Board, until June 30, 2025 or until the date of his retirement, or until the Select Board vote not to reappoint him to this position in accordance with all applicable laws; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties

of such position and provided that, if requested, Steven Traver shall be examined by an impartial physician designated by the Select Board to determine such capability, and provided that, deductions shall continue to be made from the regular compensation of Steven Traver under Chapter 32 of the General Laws, while he is employed as Chief of the Fire Department in accordance with all applicable laws, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 41: AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C, and establish a trust known as the West Stockbridge Affordable Housing Trust Fund, whose purpose shall be to provide for the preservation and creation of affordable housing in the Town of West Stockbridge for the benefit of low and moderate income households, and, further, to amend the General Bylaws of the Town to insert a new Chapter 9 of the West Stockbridge General Bylaws entitled: Affordable Housing Trust Fund, as follows, or act in any manner relating thereto:

Chapter 9 - Affordable Housing Trust Fund

- § 9-1 Authority; Establishment.
- § 9-2 Purpose.
- § 9-3 Composition.
- § 9-4 Declaration of Trust.
- § 9-5 Powers.
- § 9-6 Acts of Trustees.
- § 9-7 Funds Paid to Trust.
- § 9-8 Meetings; Quorum.
- § 9-9 Custodian of Funds.
- § 9-10 Liability.
- § 9-11 Taxes.
- § 9-12 Governmental Body.
- § 9-13 Board of Town.
- § 9-14 Compensation of Trustees.
- § 9-15 Amendments.
- § 9-16 Duration of Trust.

§ 9-1 Authority: Establishment.

Pursuant to the authority of G.L. c. 44, §55C, there is hereby created a local municipal affordable housing Trust fund to be known as the “West Stockbridge Affordable Housing Trust Fund” (hereinafter “the Trust”).

§ 9-2 Purpose.

The purpose of the Trust shall be to provide for the preservation and creation of affordable and community housing in the Town of West Stockbridge for the benefit of low and moderate income households and for the funding of community housing, as defined in and in accordance with the provisions of the Community Preservation Act, G.L. c. 44B (“Chapter 44B”).

§ 9-3 Composition.

There shall be a Board of Trustees of the West Stockbridge Affordable Housing Trust Fund (the “Board”), composed of one ex officio non-voting member and five (5) voting members. The Town Administrator or the Town Administrator's designee shall serve as the ex officio member. The voting members shall include: a member of the Select Board (chosen by the Select Board) and four (4) members appointed by the Select Board. Members must be residents of the Town of West Stockbridge.

The Select Board shall appoint the Trustees for terms not to exceed two (2) years (except if a person is appointed as a representative of a board or committee, in which case his or her term shall terminate upon the sooner vacating of the underlying office), provided, however, that the term of three (3) of the initial Trustee appointments shall be one year, so as to allow staggered terms. Trustees may be re-appointed at the discretion of the Select Board and there are no limits on the number of terms that a Trustee can serve. Vacancies shall be filled by the Select Board for the remainder of the unexpired term, notice of which shall be filed with the Town Clerk. The title to the Trust estate shall thereupon and without the necessity of any conveyance be vested in such succeeding Trustee jointly with the remaining Trustees. The Trustees shall annually elect a Trustee to serve as Chair.

Any member of the Board of Trustees may be removed by a vote of the Select Board for cause after the opportunity of a properly noticed public hearing. For purposes of this bylaw, the term “cause” shall include, but not be limited to, each of the following: violation of any local, state, or federal law; incapacity to perform the duties of a Trustee; and acts of a Trustee, that in the opinion of the Select Board, are negligent or detrimental to the Town or the Trust; or four (4) consecutive absences from Board of Trustees meetings. Any Trustee may resign by filing with the Town Clerk written notice thereof.

§ 9-4 Declaration of Trust.

The Trustees are hereby authorized to execute a Declaration of Trust and Certificates of Trust for the West Stockbridge Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to be recorded with the Berkshire County Registry of Deeds and filed with the Berkshire County District of the Land Court.

§ 9-5 Powers.

The powers of the Board of Trustees, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of the purposes set forth in G.L. c. 44, §55C, and inclusive of any future amendments to that section, and shall include the following:

- A. To accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the Trust in connection with any Bylaw or any general or special law or any other source, including money from Chapter 44B; provided, however, that any such money received from Chapter 44B shall be used exclusively for community housing and shall remain subject to all the rules, regulations and limitations of that chapter when expended by the Trust, and such funds shall be accounted for separately by the Trust; and provided further, that at the end of each fiscal year, the Trust shall ensure that all expenditures of funds received from said Chapter 44B are reported to the Community Preservation Committee for inclusion in the community preservation initiatives report, form CP-3, to the Department of Revenue;
- B. To purchase and retain real or personal property, including, without restriction, investments that yield a high rate of income or no income;
- C. To sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any personal, mixed, or real property at public auction or by private contract for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertaking relative to Trust property as the Board deems advisable notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract;
- D. To execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases, grant agreements, and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the Board engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Trust;
- E. To employ advisors and agents, such as consultants, accountants, appraisers and lawyers, full-time or part-time staff, and to contract for administrative and support goods and services, as the Board deems necessary;
- F. To pay reasonable compensation and expenses to all advisors and agents and to apportion such compensation between income and principal as the Board deems advisable;
- G. To apportion receipts and charges between incomes and principal as the Board deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation, depletion or otherwise;
- H. To participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transactions; and to give proxies or powers of attorney with or without power of substitution to vote any securities or certificates of interest; and to consent to any contract, lease, mortgage, purchase or sale of property, by or between any corporation and any other corporation or person;
- I. To deposit any security with any protective reorganization committee, and to delegate to such committee such powers and authority with relation thereto as the Board may deem proper and to pay, out

of Trust property, such portion of expenses and compensation of such committee as the Board may deem necessary and appropriate;

J. To carry property for accounting purposes at other than acquisition date values;

K. With Town Meeting approval, to borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the Board deems advisable, to mortgage and pledge Trust assets as collateral;

L. To make distributions or divisions of principal in kind;

M. To comprise, attribute, defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the Trust, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §55C, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the Board may deem appropriate;

N. To manage or improve real property; and to abandon any property which the Board determined not to be worth retaining;

O. To hold all or part of the Trust property uninvested for such purposes and for such time as the Board may deem appropriate;

P. To extend the time for payment of any obligation to the Trust; and

Q. To exercise such additional powers consistent with the provisions of this Bylaw and G.L. c. 44, §55C, as such section may be amended from time to time.

§ 9-6 Quorum: Acts of Trustees.

Three (3) voting Trustees shall constitute a quorum and shall also be required to approve any motion. An affirmative vote of three (3) voting Trustees is required to exercise any or all of the powers of the Trustees hereunder, unless otherwise provided, and three (3) voting Trustees may execute on behalf of the Trustees any and all instruments with the same effect as though executed by all the Trustees. No Trustee shall be required to give bond. No license of court shall be required to confirm the validity of any transaction entered into by the Trustees with respect to the Trust Estate. Any borrowing by the Trust shall require the prior approval of the West Stockbridge Town Meeting.

§ 9-7 Funds paid to Trust.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all monies paid to the Trust in accordance with any zoning Bylaw, exaction fee, or private contributions shall be paid directly into the Trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the Trust. General revenues appropriated into the Trust become Trust property and these funds need not be further appropriated to be expended. All moneys remaining in the Trust at the end of the fiscal year, whether or not expended by the Board within one year of the date they were appropriated into the Trust, remain Trust property.

§ 9-8 Meetings.

Meetings of the Board shall be held on a regular basis. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or two Trustees. A Trust is a governmental body for purposes of G.L. c. 30A, §§18 through 25, the Open

Meeting Law; notice of any meeting of the Trust Fund shall be filed with the Town Clerk and posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §22. While a majority of the full Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, less than a quorum may, subject to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, continue a meeting to a time, date and place certain.

§ 9-9 Custodian of Funds.

The Town of West Stockbridge's Treasurer/Collector shall be the custodian of the Trust's funds and shall maintain separate accounts and records for such funds. The Treasurer/Collector shall invest the Trust's funds in the manner authorized by law. Any income or proceeds received from the investment of funds shall be credited to and become part of the Trust Fund. In accordance with G.L. c. 44, §55C, the books and records of the Trust shall be audited annually by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices or take any other action relative thereto. Upon receipt of the audit by the Board of Trustees, a copy shall be provided forthwith to the Select Board.

§ 9-10 Liability.

Neither the Trustees nor any agent or officer of the Trust shall have the authority to bind the Town. The Trust is a public employer and the members of the Board are public employees for the purposes of G.L. c. 268A. The Trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and the Trustees special municipal employees for purposes of G.L. c. 268A.

§ 9-11 Taxes.

The Trust is exempt from G.L. c.59 and G.L. c. 62, and from any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any political subdivision thereof.

§ 9-12 Governmental Body.

The Trust is a governmental body for purposes of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§18-25.

§ 9-13 Board of Town.

The Trust is a board of the Town of West Stockbridge for the purposes of G.L. c. 30B and G.L. c. 40, §15A, but agreements and conveyances between the Trust and agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, departments and public instrumentalities of the Town shall be exempt from said G.L. c. 30B.

§ 9-14 Compensation of Trustees.

Trustees shall not receive a salary, stipend, bonus or other means of compensation for their service as a Trustee, nor shall they be eligible for any benefits from the Town of West Stockbridge. Trustees may be compensated for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for travel and other Trust-related expenses. All such out-of-pocket expenses shall be fully documented with receipts for expenses prior to payment by the Trust.

§ 9-15 Amendments.

The provisions of this Trust can only be amended by a vote of the West Stockbridge Town Meeting.

§ 9-16 Duration of Trust.

This Trust shall be of indefinite duration until terminated by a vote of the West Stockbridge Town Meeting. Upon termination of the Trust, subject to the payment of or making provisions for the payment of all obligations and liabilities of the Trust and the Trustees, the net assets of the Trust shall be transferred to the Town of West Stockbridge and held by the Select Board for affordable housing purposes. In making any such distribution, the Trustees may, subject to the approval of the Select Board, sell all or any portion of the Trust property and distribute the net proceeds thereof to the Town of West Stockbridge. The powers of the Trustees shall continue until the affairs of the Trust are concluded. Once the West Stockbridge Town Meeting has voted to terminate the Trust, the Select Board shall have the power to approve all financial transactions made on behalf of the Trust.

§ 9-16 Annual Report.

The Trustees shall prepare an annual report describing the activities of the Trust on a calendar year basis. The annual report shall be submitted to the West Stockbridge Select Board by February 12th of each year. The annual report shall list all financial transactions conducted by the Trust including all revenues and costs, provide a balance sheet of liabilities and assets of the Trust, list an inventory of all affordable housing units created, sold, and/or managed by the Trust, and any other pertinent information related to the business of the Trust.

Article 42: To see if the town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 1B to change the position of elected Town Clerk to an appointed position; provided, however, that before such a change will take effect, it must be approved by the voters at the 2023 Annual Town Election, provided further, however, that if this change is approved at the Annual Election, the elected incumbent in such position shall hold office until the expiration of their elected term or sooner vacating of office, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 1B to change the position of elected Town Collector to an appointed position; provided, however, that before such a change will take effect, it must be approved by the voters at the 2023 Annual Town Election, provided further, however, that if this change is approved at the Annual Election, the elected incumbent in such position shall hold office until the expiration of their elected term or sooner vacating of office, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Sewer and Water [The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$133,950 for the purpose of funding the FY 2024 Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$89,450 for the purpose of funding the FY 2024 Water Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Revolving Funds

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to:

- (1) Amend the General Bylaws by establishing the following revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to the funds, the departmental programs or purposes for which the funds may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend the funds, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
Cemetery	Cemetery Commissioners	Fees and charges received from the sale of burial plots	Perpetual Care
Emergency Alarm	Emergency Alarm Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Gas	Gas Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Plumbing	Plumbing Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Wiring	Wire Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Oil Burning	Oil Burner Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Title V	Title V Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Department	User fees and charges received from Parks and Recreation Department programs.	Equipment and events

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting, or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

- (2) And, also, pursuant to said MGL 44, Section 53E½ further, to vote to set the spending limits for fiscal year 2023, with such limits to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1, in any fiscal year, to increase or decrease the same for the upcoming fiscal year:

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 24</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200

Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Total Revolving Fund	\$ 8,200	\$0	\$ 8,200

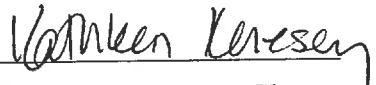
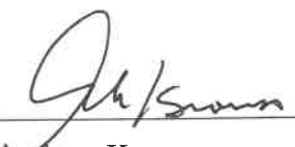
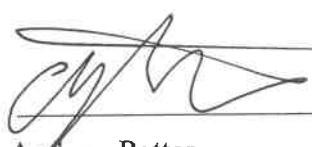
or take any other action in relation thereto.

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 47: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of March 2023.

West Stockbridge Select Board

		
Kathleen Keresey, Chair	Andrew Krouss	Andrew Potter

I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, and at the public notice boards at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: , Constable

Date: 3-27-23